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WIN!
Five's
trousers

THE WORLD'S COOLEST MAG... DEFINITELY

Westlife's world

Snogs, shopping and
see-through trousers!

Xmas boy tactics

How to pull a right cracker

Pacey, Ricky or Ryan?

Who got your vote in the
Sista Style Awards

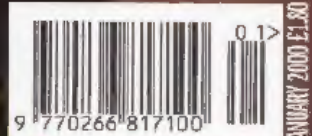
Hair we go!

Dazzling DIY do's

Let's party!

(We don't have to be home 'til the next century)

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Y2K SURVIVAL GUIDE AND, ERM, TONY BLAIR - EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW!





The traffic's murder.



My watch has stopped.



My train has
been cancelled.



I fell asleep on the bus.



I've lost my mobile.



My battery's flat.



I'm stuck in a lift.



Don't wait up.



My head's stuck in
some railings.



The taxi driver's lost.



There are leaves
on the line.



The lights are still red.



I've run out of petrol.



I've been clamped.



There was this big
problem...



My car won't start.



I thought the
clocks had gone back.



I've lost my travelcard.



I'm caught
in a revolving door.



I fell asleep in
the club.



I couldn't find
your phone number.



I've forgotten how
to get home.



I stopped to
help an old lady.



I've fallen down
a manhole.



10:30? I thought you
said 2:30.



I'm caught
in a downpour.



I got struck by
lightning.



What are the
chances of getting
two punctures?



I'm still
stuck in this queue.



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The year in boy bandom

What a ride it's been for the boys of pop.



January

An unsettled start to the year for the backflipping wonders of the world. Boyzone deny split rumours and Five are laying low. Backstreet Boys are nowhere to be seen. So can new boys on the boy band block 'N Sync steal their crown?



February

Nick Carter enjoys a hearty meal.

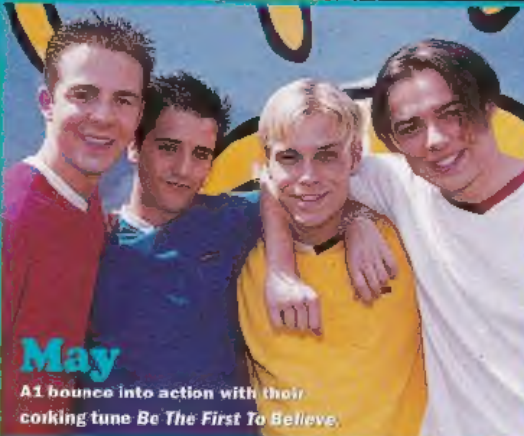
March

Ronan rushes from the recording studio to see baby Jack being born. While Nick Carter has a light snack.



April

Multi-talented Ronan tries to transform some sad losers into pop stars with his show, *Get Your Act Together*. On a completely unrelated note, he clones Boyzone - and Westlife are born. Their plan for world domination begins as *Swear It Again* storms to the top of the charts.



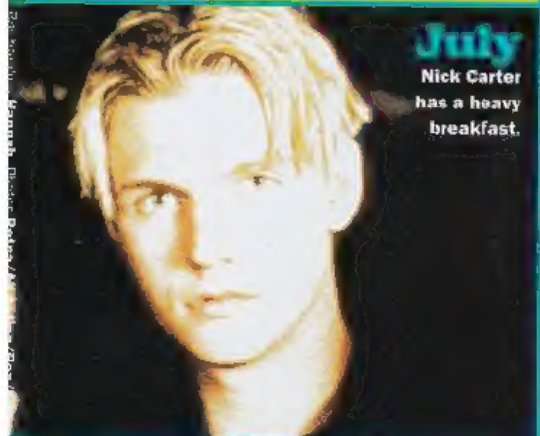
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A1 bounce into action with their corking tune *Be The First To Believe*.



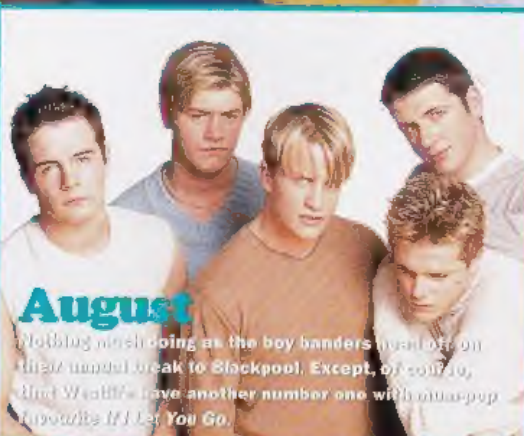
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Imposter alert! S Club 7 are sent to invade boy band land with their catchy tunes and dance routines. And girls. Meanwhile, Gately "comes out".



July

Nick Carter has a heavy breakfast.



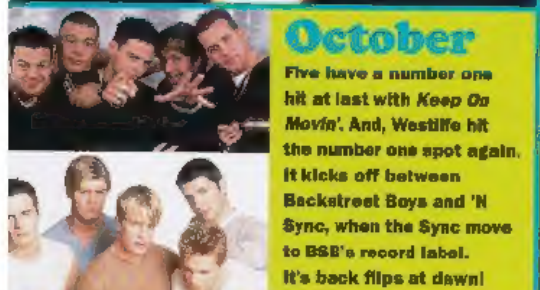
August

Nothing much doing as the boy banders head off on their annual break to Blackpool. Except, of course, that Westlife have another number one with euro-pop *Twinkle If U Let You Go*.



September

Tabloid newspapers hail the end of 911, claiming that it's "a good day for music". Later, they find that the pint-sized popsters aren't splitting at all. Doh! Gately is set to play a rabbit in *Watership Down*. Northern Line try to get into boy band land.



October

Five have a number one hit at last with *Keep On Movin'*. And, Westlife hit the number one spot again. It kicks off between Backstreet Boys and 'N Sync, when the Sync move to BSB's record label. It's back flips at dawn!



November

The strain of a year's Mark Morrison-baiting finally takes its toll on Another Level. Wayne leaves, but the rest of the lads vow to continue as a trio.



December

Westlife, A1 and Boyzone fight for the Christmas number one. Who will do it?

Say what?

What the celebs have been mouthing off about this year...

January

"It's nice to meet interesting people if you've respected their work or they're incredibly beautiful"

Ryan Phillippe, social animal

February

"Girls don't dig my jokes!"

Laughs Vince Vaughn

March

"I was just a filthy, dirty little boy"

Jared Leto on his past

April

"It's weird being in front of a crew and kissing someone you're friends with. Having his tongue in my mouth was a little strange"

"I did not stick my tongue in your mouth"

Michelle Williams and James Van Der Beek on snogging etiquette

May

"If I wasn't doing this I'd be a depressed little person"

Britney Spears on why she loves being famous

June

"Filming can be dangerous but you feel like you're being overpaid anyway and so it's not that hard"

Ben Affleck - Hollywood star and realist

July

"I look like a girl!"

Adam Rickitt ponders an image-rethink

August

"If I got 94 on a test, my parents would ask where the other six points were"

Natalie Portman, over-achiever and proud

September

"It's the time in your life when you try to figure out everything. From what you like to wear, to what makes you feel good about yourself"

Drew Barrymore on being just 17

October

"We still wake up with sleep in our eyes and have to go to the loo"

Another Level on how they stay grounded

November

"If you're under the weather or it's the time of the month, the littlest thing can make you cry"

B*Witched's Sinead on the pressure, man

December

"I'd like to know what's going on in his head"

Five's Sean on Marilyn Manson

EXIT

Stuffed!

Flat Eric

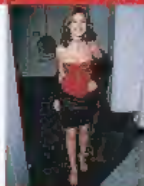
You came, you sold Levi's and then we got sick of you.



Goner!

Kelly Brook

You thrilled us with your assets, went on holiday and never came back.



EXIT

Fake!

Mel C

From sporty to punk, but how much longer can you carry on pretending?



Loca!

Ricky Martin

You stole our hearts like a boy on an exchange trip, but will you last the winter?



Your five minutes are up!

From rags to riches, then back to obscurity. Celebs we'll be glad to see the back of this year...

EXIT

Plastic!

Caprice

Your cruddy single Oh Yeah didn't impress us. Stick to modelling Wonderbras.



Bored!

Anna Friel

Hollywood loves you. We don't care.



EXIT

Ladyboy!

Jackie from

Paddington Green

You used to be Little Jason - now you're just getting our nerves.



Behind!

Gail Porter's bum

We'll certainly be glad to see the back of you, little missy!



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"Never spend more than 10% of your monthly allowance on a boy that you're not actually engaged to"

It's the thought that counts

Pressie giving, snog sharing, card sending. Get your Crimbo boy tactics sorted with J17's guide to festive frolics...

Christmas sucks. Fact. All your elderly relatives who smell of wee will come to you. The 'rents will give you a pay-as-you-go mobile phone instead of the pay-as-you-go phone you were expecting. And to top it all, the whole boy issue will kick off big time before the first mince pies are out of the oven.

If you've been betrothed to the same boychik since you met in the nursery sandpit, then this advice is not for you – if you still need a guide on how to deal with your lad then he's obviously a lost cause. But please step right up if the only boy you're likely to have intimate contact with under those twinkling fairy lights is:

- The one you're just about going steady with
- The one you're still doing that awkward silent dating thing with after a couple of weeks, or
- That smirky lad you have a crush on. Yknow, the one who skates down the dual carriageway when there's nowt on telly.

With those three different categories of boy-shape comes a whole heap of trouble. All those little worries about whether you're playing the relationship game right suddenly seem to get bigger as the herald angels start singing. Which is where our Crimbo etiquette guide comes in...

A time for giving?

Never buy a pressie for a boy you haven't snogged. And never spend more than 10% of your monthly allowance on a boy you're not actually engaged to.

Cheap aftershave, teddy bears with "I love you" written on their chests (actually make that *all* cuddly toys) and underwear are big no-no's. Go for food and never underestimate the power of the home-made and/or novelty gift. Complaint rawk compilation tapes, *Star Wars* snowstorms and *Final Fantasy Eight* merchandise all say you care – without the slush.

Is it good to talk?

Calling boys is mighty difficult because they're rubbish on the phone. Also, their sisters always answer, then yell, "It's your girlfriend, shall I say you're out?". So don't call unless it's a genuine ("All-my-relatives-have-perished-in-a-freak-accident") emergency. Anyway, he's bound to be awkward because his Auntie Ada will be cackling about "young Johnny courting" when she hears there's a girl on the phone.

There are tons of ways to contact the boy that don't involve speaking. E-mail, beepers or text messages... all acceptable. Keep it simple. "Do you want to meet me in the park?" or "Are you going to Laura's party?", will do instead of long messages about how you're going to kill your dad if he makes you play charades again. Save that for when you meet.

Home time?

Do you invite the heir to your heart to your family's Christmas Eve

mince pies 'n' mulled wine-athon? After all, there'll be a side-helping of the dog farting, your mum having a hissy fit 'cause the turkey's still frozen and your weird neighbour's rendition of *My Heart Will Go On* to look forward to. For the love of God, noooooooooo!

What do I write in his card?

A double edged sword. Not only is there the stress-inducing activity of choosing a Christmas card for the lad, but then you have to think of something cool to write inside it.

If you have access to the Internet, why not send your lad a virtual Christmas card with the characters from *South Park* on it (check out greetings.sweet.com) with a message like "Have a cool Crimbo"? If you go for an old-skool card you have two choices: the I'm-a-caring-kind-a-girl charity card or a home-made effort (but one that owes more to a scanner and some design software than a couple of felt-tips and cotton-wool snow).

The actual wordage is more tricky. "Happy Non-Denominational Season's Greetings and hope the Millennium Bug doesn't bite" will do fine, but do you put "love" at the bottom of the card?

And what of kisses? Follow these simple rules and you'll be sorted. If you've already exchanged vows of love, write love in your card. If you're just snogging him, shove some kisses on your card. And if he's still just a crush, settle for one cross under your name, followed by a full stop so it could be a kiss or it could just be your

kooky little way of signing off. But, hey, you're the one who knows the boy so if it feels right, do it. And we are just talking Christmas cards here...

What's under the mistletoe?

Mistletoe is God's own Christmas gift to girlkind. It's the perfect excuse for dragging your crush into your arms and applying lip suction. If he protests then you'll know he's a no-fun, "bah humbug" boy who doesn't fancy you. Laugh it off by sneering, "I felt sorry for you and it's only a bit of harmless fun, Mr Hissy," then you can go home and cry. He'll probably get stuck in though and you can spend the rest of the evening swapping saliva.

Now if you're 'sort of' going out with someone, mistletoe can really separate a serious love situation from a doomed-to-end flirtation. Of course, if you're wondering if it's OK to kiss other guys as well as your main crush, you already know the answer: stop spending quality time with a guy you don't really dig, get under the mistletoe and line up another lad sharpish.

New Year's Eve. Together or not?

Look, it's the flamin' millennium. The world could end at midnight. Apocalypse may reign. Do you want to spend the rest of the afterlife kicking yourself because you thought that asking him to go to a New Year's Eve party with you was too presumptuous? You bet your mince pies, you don't. ☹

Are You heading for CackTV hell?

This Christmas are you gonna be sucked into a world of cheesy grins, fake laughter and rubbish game shows? Read on and see...

Start here

Are you looking forward to spending most of Christmas vegging out in front of the telly?

It's Boxing Day and you've settled down with a box of choes in front of *Titanic* on video. Do you feel a pang of guilt and decide to do some homework instead?

Your mum gives you the choice of helping her wrap pressies while watching *Cliff Richard's Yuletide Extravaganza* or washing up. Do you leg it to the kitchen?

Have you ever laughed out loud at a 'gag' in *Police Academy 4*?

Your best mate rings in the middle of the Christmas edition of *Countdown* 'cause she's having a crisis with her 'rents. Do you ask her to call back later?

Have you ever had a headache from watching too much telly?

After Christmas dinner, would you rather watch the Queen's speech than listen to your dad's hilarious rendition of his cracker jokes?

On a programme showing the best soap moments of the year, would you recognise most of them?

On Christmas Day do you switch on the *Big Breakfast* before ripping into your pressies?

The recipe for swiss roll on *Ready, Steady, Cook* looks scrummy. Do you switch the telly off and rush to make it?

Do you love watching *The Wizard of Oz*?



When Annie comes on TV, do you sing along to all the songs?



Your eyes get tired while you're gazing at the telly. Do you use eye drops and carry on watching rather than turn it off?

Do you consult a TV guide at least once a day over the festive period?

Home And Away and Neighbours are off air for a week and replaced by seasonal movies. Do you care?



The school Christmas party isn't exactly the do of the year, but all the sixth form totty will be there. Is it worth missing Sports Personality Of The Year to go to it?



Joshua Jackson miraculously turns up on your doorstep singing White Christmas and holding mistletoe. Meanwhile, Top Of The Pops is about to show the Christmas number one. Would you drag yourself off the sofa to get a Dawson's-type snog?

An Only Fools And Horses repeat is on. Do you end up answering Del-Boy's questions before Rodney?



Did you know that Saturday morning's CD:UK stands for Countdown UK?

Remote controlled girl

You are a walking, talking TV listings guide. Only you don't walk or talk 'cause that would involve taking your eyes off the telly for a second. What you know about life without TV wouldn't fill Mini Me's stocking. The outside world isn't that bad y'know, and you should try it. You could use your TV knowledge to spark up a conversation with a real person? "Did you see 'Enders'?" is all that's needed. Who knows, you might get a life? Or, at least, stop drooling over someone behind glass. **Advice** Put down that remote control, yes, you can. So do it. Now! ☺

Wired up babe

As soon as those TV specials start, out comes your TV guide and your coloured highlighters. Yup, you plan your Crimbo viewing with more precision than you plan your Crimbo pressia list. But, you're not a lost cause. You do know that there is a world outside your telly - you just need to realise that there's more to life than Richard Whiteley on Christmas Countdown, "Humorous" reindeer antlers and all. Yes, it's cold out, but think of the fun you can have, carol singing on the doorstep of that boy you fancy... **Advice** Ditch the pens. Get a life. Simple ☺

Well channelled chica

Swooning over Robbie on TOTP is pretty high up on your list of Christmas priorities, but you do know it's not half as much fun as swooning over Andy, your next door neighbour's second cousin at the street knees-up. (You know the true value of mistletoe.) Like most normal people, you're prone to a spot of Never-ending Story and a sprinkle of festive Airstey, however, your life doesn't revolve around the box in the corner of the room. That is, unless Mr Pacey is on, of course... **Advice** Nona. You've got a TV - and a life. ☺

Eyes wide shut

Before we hit the next century, you need to get to grips with this one, girl. There's this great invention called television right? It's that glowing box thing most of your family sit down in front of every night. It seems as if you either live several miles under the sea or on a planet inhabited by people who haven't heard of electricity yet. So here's some friendly advice - go over to that box, switch on, veg out and enjoy. Once you've seen the delights of *Celebrity Stars in Their Eyes*, we know you'll be thanking us. **Advice** Get with the programme. Literally. ☺

“And the winner is...”

In September's J17, Kat asked you to vote for the most stylish stuff in your lives. Turn the page to meet the winners and losers...





Pop Culture Award

WINNER The cast of *Dawson's Creek* for their iconic "Dawson's Creek" moment. *Dawson's Creek* was the most popular TV show among teens, and the cast's chemistry was a major draw.



Watch It! Award

WINNER Big Breanne Eiders and *Big Breanne Eiders* for their iconic "Big Breanne Eiders" moment. *Big Breanne Eiders* was the most popular TV show among teens, and the cast's chemistry was a major draw.



Surf's Up Award

WINNER The cast of *Dawson's Creek* for their iconic "Dawson's Creek" moment. *Dawson's Creek* was the most popular TV show among teens, and the cast's chemistry was a major draw.



WINNER Glitter, Sixties styles and three-quarter sleeves were all winners, but our most fave predictions are...

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Voting form

Fill in your name and address, then vote for your favorite TV show, actor, or style. Send this form to: Sista Style Awards, 1234 5th Avenue, New York, NY 10001.

Name: _____ Address: _____

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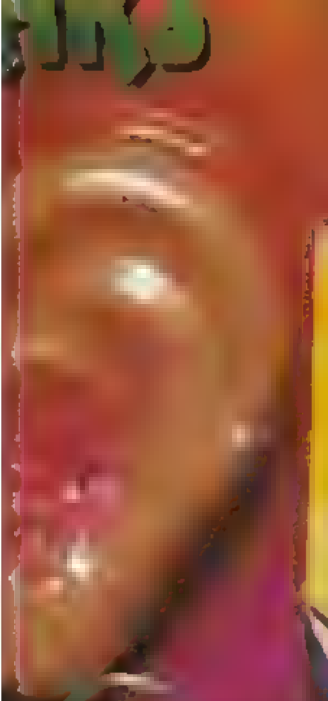
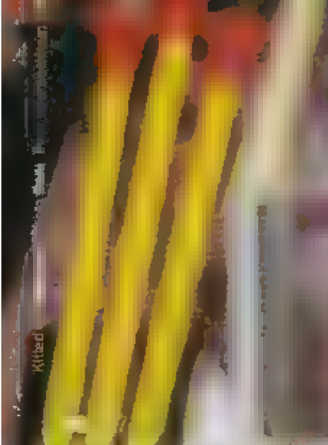
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Keep it real award

WINNER What a guy, sh, lol, you are. It was sooo rough to choose the... *What a guy, sh, lol, you are* was the most popular TV show among teens, and the cast's chemistry was a major draw.





S Clubbers party kit

Most glamorous party of son dah ng...

Contains:

Fancy dress box

These you lack a blond himbo

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Buffy party kit

Slay your mates with a vamping spectacular...

Contains:

Fancy dress box

Including short skirts, saucy boots, crucifixes and lots of black leather.

Gravestones x 10

Dress up your garden so that your neighbours' muddy vegetable patch starts to look decidedly cheery.

Nibbles x none

Who needs 'em when the guests will be drinking each other's blood?

Buffy tape

Containing a variety of vampire-kick ng rawk like Garbage, Hepburn and some good ol' darkside favourites like Mazzer Manson.

Party plan:

Pick a name out of a hat and nominate someone as a vampire. Get the other guests to guess who the vampire is by looking for telltale signs. Anyone who talks about 'The Master', has an aversion to crucifixes or turns down a can of Coke to sup some 'tomato juice' is probably a bloodsucker.

Once that's over, break into that dodgy American telly dancing where you look like you're grooving to a totally different beat.

S Club 7 party kit

As the perma-grinning funsters say, "There ain't no party like an S Club party."

Contains:

Midriff-baring costumes x 20

Kit also includes headscarves, a huge tub of fake tan and a bucket of make-up.

Beach accessories (assorted)

Those Miami essentials: cocktail umbrellas, a beach ball and loads of sand to scatter over the floor.

Fizzy pop and fairy cakes x 100

Perfect for that, erm, pop fee

Top pop CD collection

Including those ker-azy S Clubbers, Steps, Scooch and A teens.

Party plan:

Partaaaaaaaay! Singing, grinning and dancing are compulsory. So just push back the furniture, clear the floor and get on down, baby! Make sure the party really swings by simply leaving anyone who won't be able to master a dance routine or two off the guest list. Fill your party with grinning faces instead.

Despite the theme, strange Miami 7-style adventures are best avoided – but don't forget to finish the party with a group singalong.

Corporation party kit

Not so much a party as a meeting of miserable minds.

Contains:

Assorted items of black clothing x 20

To match the party's mood

Roll of black wallpaper

To match your guests' clothes.

Tray of nibbles x 4

Warning: only to be consumed during the hours of darkness

Alanis Morissette CD

Play continuously, along with any other whiny sounds you can get your hands on

Party plan:

Let's get one thing straight: there will be no dancing. Guests must not take the removal of all furniture as an encouraging sign – this is only to give you more room to sit on the floor. Conversation is good, but stick to subjects such as world politics and poetry so that things don't get lively.

Armageddon party kit

It's the end of the world as we know it – thank gawd

Contains:

An assortment of fancy dress costumes x 20

Each represents an icon of hideousness from this millennium, such as Lolly Dae Winton J from Five, Brian Harvey, Gar Porter's bum, etc., etc.

Air of expectancy/impending doom

Keep refrigerated. Do not unleash until the night of the party.

Tinned food and dried food x 10

'Fresh' from the special millennium cupboard

'Greatest', erm, 'hits' of the millennium CD

Featuring Bros, Aqua, Korn and Celine Dion

Party plan:

Force your guests to re-live their most horrendous moments of the millennium and dance to the most hideous music you can find. Once things get going, secretly switch off the lights and scream: "Oh my gawd! It's the end of the world!" Then watch as chaos takes over and everyone runs around hysterically. Safety note: remove all small arms first. You don't want to be tripping over them. ☹

Get your kit

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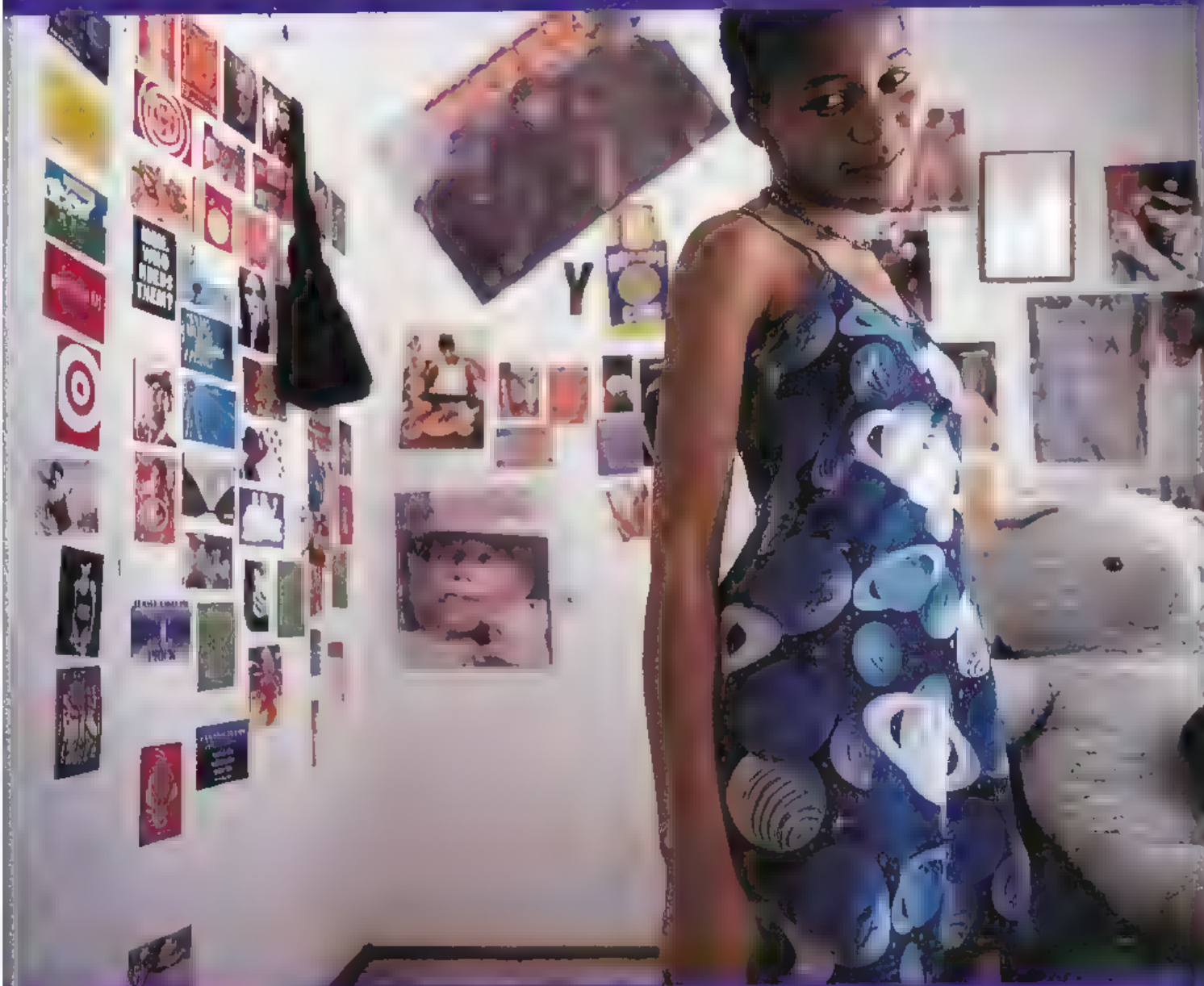
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COLOUR LOOK

One world

What are you like? J17 asked seven girls around the world about their life. Here's the global goss.



Bantse Maloka, 17, from South Africa

Who do you live with?

My mother, father and one of my sisters in Johannesburg.

What do your parents do?

My father owns a bakery and my mother is a doctor.

Fave band?

TK Zee, a South African Kwaito band. Kwaito is a type of South

African dance music.

Fave book?

How Stella Got Her Groove Back by Terry McMillan.

Fave item of clothing?

My hipsters and pinstripe pants.

Fave snack?

Pizza and MacDonalds.

What was the last thing you bought? How much did it cost?

A pair of shoes and sandals -

they cost R550 (£65).

Worst ever hairstyle?

Afro, 'cause it's difficult to control.

Most important thing that's happened to you?

Finishing school, as I will begin a new life with new opportunities.

Who's your hero?

Nelson Mandela. He did so much for South Africa and stood by everything he believed in.

Who's your favourite celebrity?

Usher. I like his music and he's good-looking and sexy.

How are you going to celebrate the millennium?

With friends at a party either in Johannesburg or Cape Town.

What are your hopes for the future of the world?

That people will understand each other and be more tolerant.

Teamman, 16

Australia

Who do you live with?
 My parents and little brother.
 What do your parents do?
 My father is a doctor and my mother is a therapist.
 Who's your fave?
 Marilyn Hill and Fatboy Slim.
 What's your fave?
 Frank Redemption and

Forrest Gump. And I love
 Woody Allen films.
 Fave book?
 The Joy Luck Club by Amy Tan.
 Fave item of clothing?
 My Bettina Liano jeans and
 Gary Castles black boots.
 Fave snack?
 Vietnamese spring rolls.
 What was the last thing you
 bought? How much did it cost?

A Gucci swimming costume
 for \$650 (approx. £300).
 Most important possession?
 My mobile phone.
 Worst ever hairstyle?
 When it was short and layered.
 Which celebrity do you
 dream about?
 Freddie Prince Jr.
 Who's your hero?
 I don't really have a hero but

I think the actresses Judy Davis
 and Cate Blanchett are amazing.
 How are you going to celebrate
 the millennium?
 At a club or party in Sydney.
 Who do you definitely want to be out?
 What job do you want to do?
 I want to be an actress.
 What are your hopes for
 the future of the world?
 Peace and a cure for Aids.

My most important
 possession is my
 mobile phone



**Samara Chopra, 17,
from India**

Who do you live with?

My parents and my grandmother.
My brother's studying in America.

What do your parents do?

My father's a doctor and my
mother is a textile designer.

Fave band?

It keeps changing. Right now it's a
group called Cowboy Junkies.

Fave film?

Scent Of A Woman.

Fave book?

The Prophet by Kahlil Gibran.

Fave snack?

Homemade bread with pickle.

What was the last thing you

bought? How much did it cost?

A book - a play called *Tara* by
Mahesh Dattani. It cost 60 rupees,
which is less than one pound.

Worst ever hairstyle?

A mushroom cut.

Who's your hero?

I don't have one - I realise that
everyone has their faults.

Have you got a boyfriend?

I think 'boyfriend' is a rather
clichéd word, but yes I have one
and he makes me happy.

How are you going to celebrate

the millennium?

With my parents on a beach

in Phuket in Thailand.



**Kanna Krol, 17,
from Poland**

Who do you live with?

My parents and one brother.

What do your parents do?

They grow flowers in glass houses.

Fave band?

Enigma.

Fave item of clothing?

The shirt I'm wearing.

Fave snack?

French fries.

What was the last thing you

bought? How much did it cost?

A jumper, it cost \$20 (approx £15).

Most important possession?

Half a brick which my friends
brought back from Warsaw.

Worst ever hairstyle?

Long, loose hair, which looked

like a wig.

Most important thing that

happened to you?

I was accepted for the school
I wanted to go to.

Who's your hero?

My mother.

Have you got a boyfriend?

Yes, his name is Paul and he's 20.
He's studying economics and

computer sciences.

How are you going to celebrate

the millennium?

With friends. We will organise

a party in a rented hall.



My favourite film is
Tonari No Totoro,
which is an anime.

It's like The Sound of Music.

Who do you live with?
My mother, father and brother.

What do your parents do?

My father works for a large
electronics company and my
mother's a housewife.

Have band?

No. They are two Japanese male
singers and I like their voices.

Have films?

Tonari No Totoro, which is a

Sound of Music.

Have snack?

Shimi - they're thin rice crackers
and they taste like shrimp.

What was the last thing you

bought? How much did it cost?

A CD by Yuzu. It cost about 300
yen (approx £10).

Most important possession?

An autograph from Mr Ken
Sawano. He teaches English on the
radio and I listen to him every day.

celebrity do you

dream about?

Brad Pitt.

What are your hopes for the
future of the world?

For everyone to help each other
and if it's small things, to make
the earth a better place to live.



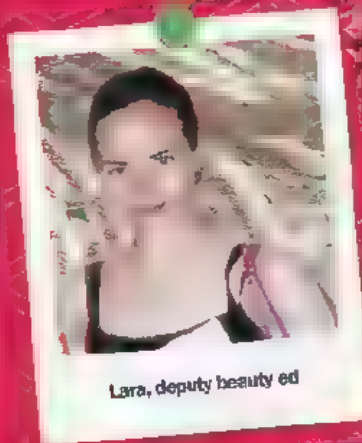
'My worst ever hair style was when my grandad, who's a barber, cut my hair. It looked like a bowl'



Nice little earners

CASH IN ON THE BIGGEST NIGHT OF THE CENTURY WITH J17'S GUIDE TO THE JAMMIEST JOBS AROUND...

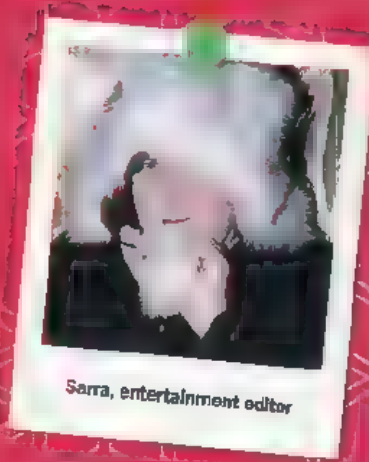
	Babysitting	House/Petsitter	Waitressing	Celeb lookalike
What have I got to do?	Make sure sweet little Amy and Jamie the monster are stuffed with ice cream, bored of watching TV and tired enough to go to bed.	Feed Rover, water plants, collect post etc, for those lucky beggars who've gone away on holiday over the festive period	Serve merry party goers their last meal of the millennium. The evening will fly by and you'll have sore feet at the end, but you'll be quids in.	Real celebs will be booked up, so people will be desperate to get a lookalike. If you resemble Posh or Geri you could be in the money
How much will I make?	There's no legal minimum pay for babysitting. But we reckon you should get at least £25 for the night.	Prices vary depending on the animal, starting at £3 a day for a small rodent. You can make £15 per day for dogsitting.	Agencies are predicting that waitresses will be able to make from £40 an hour to £1,000 per night!	The amount you earn depends on who you look like - the cast of Ab Fab are the most popular! Wages vary from £350 -£1000
What will I be doing at midnight?	As the kids will be really excitable and hyperactive, you'll probably be on the PlayStation with Jamie, while Amy plaits your hair.	After feeding the dog and watering the plants you can do pretty much anything - though holding a party is probably not a good idea.	You should get a break at midnight to have a toast, don't drink too much though or the food could end up over some poor customer.	Clinking champers gasses, saying "darling" a lot and doing loads of air kissing. You could try stumbling out of London's trendy Met Bar™
Fun factor?	If you check with the parents, you might be able to take a mate with you. If not, break out your Hits '99 CD and have your very own party!	If the house you're looking after has a pool, games room and home cinema you're laughing. If not you could always ring your mates.	All the punters will be in a party mood and each time you get a tip your smile will get bigger and bigger	You get to be a top celeb for a night. A great excuse to act like a spoilt brat without getting ticked off
Mistletoe action?	Sadly, unless you take your beau with you, the chances of a snog are very limited.	Go next door, ask for a cup of sugar and see if there's any potential eye candy. Or you may meet someone walking Rover in the park.	If the customers are all fogies with bad jumpers and moustaches then pray that one of the waiters is a cutie	If you look that much like Posh you might just find your very own Beckham
Who do I contact?	The National Childminding Association on 0181-464 6164.	www.animalnannies.free-serve.co.uk or ask around your neighbours to see if anyone is going away.	Leisure Careers UK 01276 684449.	Susan Scott lookalikes 0171-367 9425.



Lara, deputy beauty ed

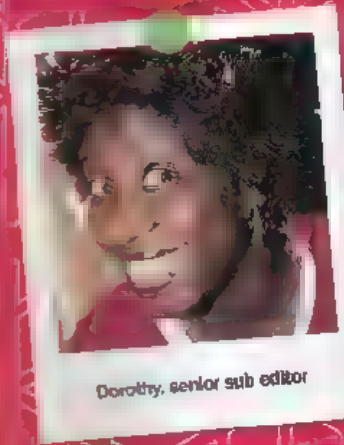
Pom-poms are big catwalk news. Make them in loads of different colours and attach them to hats and the ends of scarves. Or use them for decorating your pressies.

How to make a perfect pom:
Cut a hole in two pieces of card and place the two together. Take a long piece of wool and wind it round and through the hole until the hole is full. Snip the wool around the outer edge, leaving loads of fluffy ends. Tie a long piece of wool around the middle and then pull it tight. Pull off the discs and fluff it up!



Sarra, entertainment editor

Presents! Lots of presents. Really cool ones like now. (Repeat x51 times a day from 10 December)



Dorothy, senior sub editor



Sam, picture director, with Rory

Forgot Christmas dinner, supper's where the real party starts. Mmmm - cold turkey and pickles. Ma Ripley's home-made turbo-strong pickled onions, gorgeous, crunchy red cabbage, piccalilli and those big fat juicy gherkins - oh yes! Hardcore Combine and enjoy.



Sabina, designer

Sick of the usual run-of-the-mill Christmas baubles? Why not buy some mini disco-balls in different colours and adorn your tree with them instead. Have a funky Christmas.

My Christmas present to you lovely readers is a 10-step puffing plan. Beauty's only skin deep. Beauty's only when it comes to getting a Christmas nog. So unless he's a three eyes and a terminal case of greying, think of no boy as ugly. He'll be more than 3cms from your mistletoe. Kiss every boy under the mistletoe, even your little brother. All fanciable lads in the vicinity. Think you've really got the Christmas spirit and pucker up. (Leave full smooching for those boys you fancy)

Aren't carol singers dull? Exploit this gap in a potentially lucrative market by giving the punters what they want. And what do they want? S Club 7 singing their fave Crimbo ditties, of course! Get a load of your best-looking mates together and practise standing in a line, grooving around like freaks, each stepping forward to sing a verse of *Once in Royal David's City*. Oh, it may not have quite as much booty shaking potential as S Club Party but the sight of you lot line dancing on people's doorsteps might persuade them to give you a couple of quid to shut up and go away!



Rob, art editor

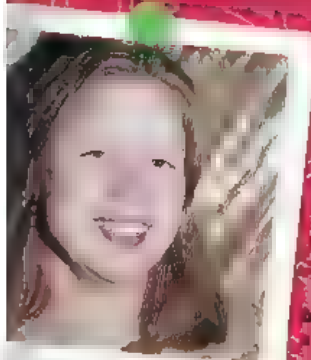
Always keep a sprig of mistletoe and a stick of twine handy throughout the season. One never knows. Happy Crimbo y'all, Love Christmas Tree xxxxxx



Tree, fashion and beauty ed

Because you're

Aah, sweet readers. You've given us your £1.80 each month and now it's



Lucy, production editor

One packet plain digestive biscuits
Half a pack butter
Two bars chocolate
Two big spoonfuls Golden Syrup
Alace cherries, chopped up
icing sugar
Break up bics in a plastic bag with a rolling pin. Leave a few chunky bits.
Melt the butter, chocolate and Golden Syrup in a pan.
Leave to cool for a few minutes then mix in the biscuits bits and cherries.
Put in a baking tray and pop in the fridge for a few hours, until solid
Dust the top with icing sugar to look like snow, and bung the holly on top.
Mmm, lovely!



Speranza, fashion and beauty assistant

Christmas is a time for snogging and what better way to guarantee some lip-action than forcing fit leads to make physical contact with you?
No Christmas party would be complete without the Balloon Game. This is where you and your mates put your hands behind your backs and pass a big, shiny balloon only using your body.
don't forget the boy/girl formation, and make sure you hag your place next to the boy you fancy.



Katy, picture assistant

My Christmas decoration idea is to dress your pets up as reindeers. Cats and dogs look a festive treat in red noses and antlers.



Hannah, senior writer

Make sure you get the best presents by sucking up to Father Christmas in five easy steps..

Make your letter to Santa very clear yet polite. List specifics (band and title for each CD) and don't forget to thank him for last year's presents.

Stay in on Crimbo Eve so you're asleep by the time he arrives.

Don't just leave Santa a mince pie and a glass of whisky - treat him to something special like the keys to your dad's car.

Never mock the fat, beardy bloke in a red suit in your local shopping centre. There's always a chance he might be the real Santa.

Be kind to reindeer.

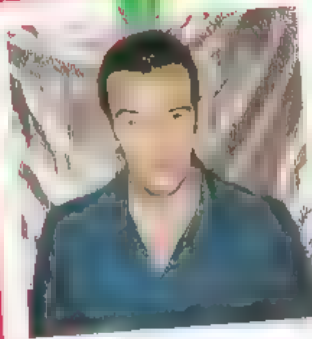


Charnelle, editorial assistant

"I think the turkey must have been dodgy. I'm feeling sick."
"I'd better stay in and make sure the house doesn't explode/ burn down/ disappear with all this Y2K stuff."
"I thought I would watch the review of the year with Trevor McDonald. It would be great for my history GCSE."

"But there will be alcohol at the party and I don't like the taste of it... even though I've never tried any of course."

"But Dad, if I miss Scott's party, that awful Leanne from lower sixth will snog him and I will sulk in my room until the next millennium."



Neil, deputy fashion editor

Use a bin bag discreetly disguised as a Crimbo stocking. More space more presents! Here's wishin' you plenty of mince in your pies! Have a good un, love. Melly xxx



Sophie, acting editor

Christmas is a time of schmaltzy emotions so mumbly. "Thanks for the Spice Girls in tions, Auntie" just won't do. You have to ham it up like in those big emotional scenes in Dawson's. Here's how:
Pretend the present is a boy you fancy. Make eye contact with it then look away. Giggle nervously. Ask where the gorgeous wrapping paper came from then sob as you're forced to rip it apart.

Beam like an ecstatic Changing Rooms contestant who's just glimpsed their lime green living room. Hold the present aloft and do a lap of honour stopping every 30 seconds for photos. Shower the giver with big fat sloppy kisses. If it's a rotten pressie they'll feel really guilty.

worth it

time for us to give you some crimbo tips... Enjoy!

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so blind
you can't see

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Millennium rescue manual

The country's finest minds have spent months locked away in a bunker coming up with J17's New Year's Eve emergency handbook...

0001/

Amusement

In the event of having nothing to do on the eve of Y2K, call the Millennium Snog Association and they'll send a party round to your house. A small charge will apply, so check with whoever pays the bills first.

0002/

Bug (millennium variety)

Should any electrical equipment fail at midnight on 31 December, hit it with a hammer. It won't make it work - in fact, it'll probably break it - but you'll feel better.

0003/

Clothes

As with any party night, there may be a problem with what to wear. Keep calm, throw the contents of your wardrobe on to your bed, rummage through it. If you don't find anything, repeat process in your best friend's room.

0004/

Food

Avoid a chocolate famine by buying an extra treat every time you visit the shops between now and New Year's Eve and stoning it away from view. Yes, we know it's gonna take some willpower but we think you're up to it.

0005/

Heartache

If your designated snog is spending the dawn of the new millennium in a tongue game with someone else, locate his best mate and give him the snog of his life. Your original target will soon hear what he missed out on.

0006/

Panic

Don't.

0007/

Pork pie jelly

Avoid at all costs.

0008/

'Rents

Invest many hours in pursuits such as wash ng-up and tidying your room in the weeks leading up to Y2K, to avoid any kind of negative parental grounding action.

0009/

Shoes

For your own comfort and safety, do not attempt to dance in anything higher than micro heels for more than an hour at a time.

0010/

Snogs

Observe the following if you find yourself surrounded by people at midnight: keep a metre between you and all ugly boys. You don't want to look back on the dawn of a new century and remember snogging a geek.

0011/

Snow

If you spot yellow traces in the snow, alert others and keep your distance.

0012/

World (end of)

In the unlikely event of Armageddon, ignore the screams of your fellow partygoers and proceed calmly to the nearest spaceship.

0013/

Transport

If you need to get to that party, but a cab fare will wipe you out till Y3K the answer is the 'rents. Beg, cry and sign an 'I'll stop throwing my clothes on the floor' agreement. Anything to get them behind the wheel of a car.

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Zero

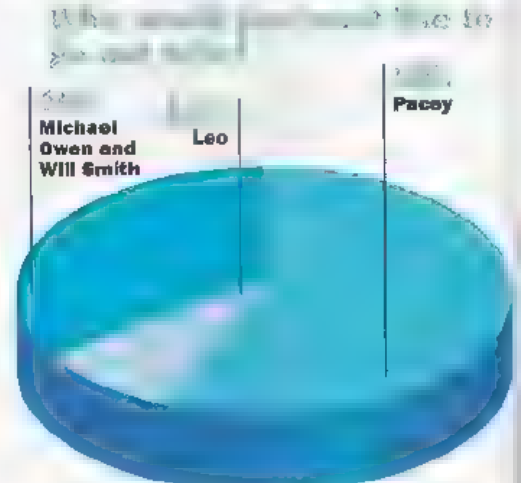
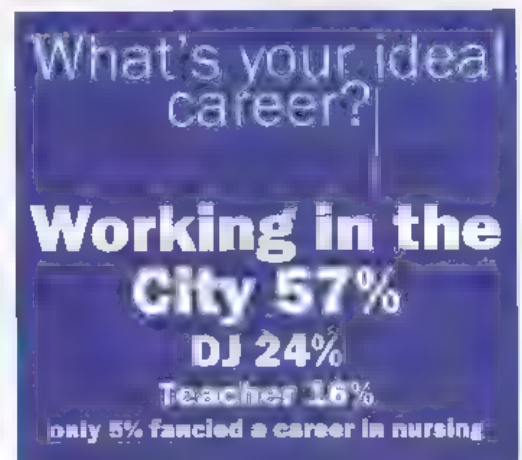
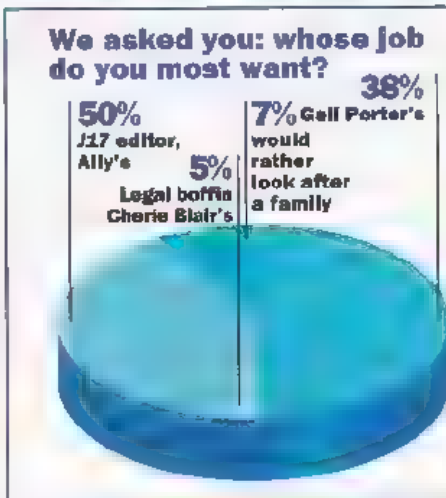
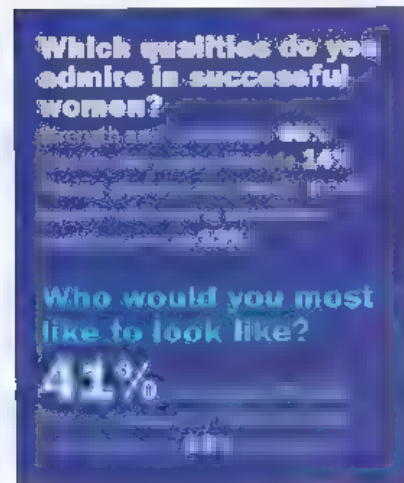
If you have no cash left after New Year's Eve, offer to save the 'rents from the millennium bug by using their cashpoint cards for them. Then, oops, accidentally get out £10 extra, blame it on that bug, and help them spend it.

● If all else fails, re-schedule your celebrations for another night. Anything up to a week later is acceptable - plus it'll give you something to look forward to.

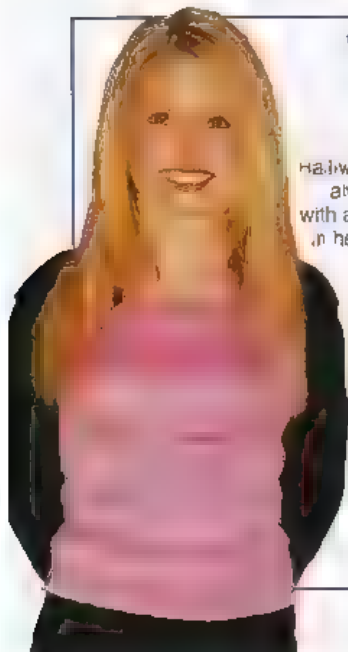
What a result!

We've got the proof that NIVEA Soft girls are strong, sensitive, individual and ambitious..

We teamed up with NIVEA Soft in October's J17 to find out what your hopes and dreams are. And we got some fab results! You told us about your cool role models and the kind of life you want, and we found out that more of you are aiming for jobs that would have been considered unsuitable for women 20 years ago. Check out the results of the NIVEA Soft survey



How would you sum up boys' attitudes towards girls? They think they're better than us **53%** They treat us as equals **26%** They're scared because we're taking their jobs **14%** They're not competitive at all **7%**



Who is your female role model?

You really rate Gen Hailwell! She told us she's always done everything with all her heart, believed in her dreams and is very pleased to know she has inspired young girls. That's what Girl Power is all about.

Who is your dream guy?

Will Smith and Ronan Keating are top of your list.

And when we asked "What is your burning ambition?" we had a variety of answers...

"To be a police woman."
"I love to sing. Maybe one day I'll be discovered."
"I want to make it in the music industry."
"To live life to the full, travelling and meeting people."
"To swim with dolphins."

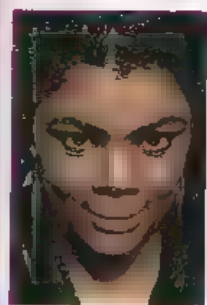
You need to work hard to achieve your goals - just like you need to work at looking after your skin for it to glow all year round. Why not follow NIVEA Soft's guide to having beautiful, radiant skin?

Keep a tube of NIVEA Soft in your bag and apply to your hands throughout the day. This will prevent them from becoming chapped, dry and

sore. The quickly-absorbed creme contains an active ingredient, Vitamin E, which repairs any damage caused to the skin structure, making it perfect for hands during winter. Apply NIVEA Soft to your arms, shoulders and legs for a silky skin finish when wearing your little black dress, it'll leave you looking radiant and glowing.



NIVEA Soft would like to thank you all for taking part in the survey.



PSYCHIC SAM'S MYSTIC MAILBAG

DISCOVER YOUR DESTINY WITH J17'S PSYCHIC AGONY AUNT...

AM I THE NEW BUFFY?

Since I've watched *Buffy The Vampire Slayer* I've wanted to become a slayer myself. Are there really such things as vampires and slayers? If there are, could you give me a bit of info on them, please?

Sam, born 5/12/85 at 4pm

Yup, I really enjoy *Buffy* too – they always seem to have so much fun in Sunnydale, but you must remember it's not real life. Do I think there are vampires? To be honest, I don't think there are vampires in the supernatural sense, I think that the myths (and there are so many from all over the world) came about because a few people did such terrible things that they were considered to be human monsters. People couldn't believe or understand such wickedness and put it down to evil influences, which don't exist. Still, that shouldn't stop you enjoying the show and might even help you sleep better at night.

WHERE'S MY BRACELET?

Three years ago I was doing gymnastics after school and put my silver christening bracelet on a wooden bench. I totally forgot about it and when I went back a few days later it was gone. My mum and dad still don't know about it, but they would be really annoyed. Please can you tell me where I might be able to find it?

Helen, born 10/12/83 at 7am

If I'm the bearer of bad tidings, I apologise, but the truth is your bracelet is long gone. It was found and taken by a girl who no longer lives in the neighbourhood. I'd like to give you better news, but I'm afraid I can't. However, the good news is your parents have sussed out that it's gone bye-bye. So you don't need to tell them.

WILL I ALWAYS BE A SLACKER?

Since primary school my reports have said I'm too talkative and don't listen. Every year I promise I'll concentrate but I never do. I feel very strongly

about doing well in the future but I'm scared I'll fail and end up doing something I don't want to do because I won't have the qualifications I need. Please help. I'm worried sick.

Paige, born 10/1/85/ 5pm

The thing about humans is we're all individuals – one size doesn't fit a million. Schools, with the best intentions in the world, are designed for the majority. You are not average, you're the exception that proves the rule. Will you succeed if you try? Yes, because you're an intelligent Capricorn – that's why you make such a nuisance of yourself. If you weren't so bright you'd sit quietly and be ignored. I do see success in your future, so stop worrying. But you will have to educate yourself by doing extra reading and homework. And, in fact, once you go to university you'll thrive under a different kind of tuition. Things won't be plain sailing but, with some hard work, you will succeed.

UN-SISTERLY LOVE

My sister and I don't get on very well and sometimes I'm so

nasty to her I make her cry. Recently though I've had dreams where we have had rows, I walk off and she never comes home. I'm worried that something like this will really happen.

Anon, born 30/4/86 at 6am

Sister, born 30/5/88

Being a big sister can be a real pain, can't it? Your younger sister's always hanging around, trying to muscle in, or grassing you up to the 'rents. Know why? She can't say it, she might not even realise it, but she'd give anything to be you! She may be a squirt, but you know very well that you love each other. Your dreams are a reflection of the fact that you find it difficult to get on with her and that makes you feel guilty. As you get older, you're going to get closer. This is a difficult time, but this is as bad as it's ever going to get. She'll become your best friend in time.

FRIEND BREAK UP

I've had a best mate since I was ten and she has always stood by me. But now there is a new girl who's started hanging around with us and she is trying to turn my friend against me, and my mate can't see it. I want to

know if there is any point in trying to hold on to my friend.

Hurt, born 29/7/83

Best friend, born 13/2/83

New girl, born 25/2/83

Nobody can take away the history you share with your mate, but it's a social dynamic that when three people get together, two of them pick on the other one. It's easy to see why your mate and this new girl get along as their star signs make them mega-compatible. But you can rest assured your mate is going to come back to you with her tail between her legs. You'll win this one, so don't worry. In fact, with more time on your hands, you'll make loads of mates as a whole new social life opens up for you!

REPLY TO OUR SPECIAL MYSTIC MAILBAG PHONES 0900 11 11 11. DON'T WORRY IF YOU CAN'T HEAR THE VOICES. WE'LL BE THERE TO HELP YOU. IF YOU WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT YOUR FUTURE, CALL US ON 0900 11 11 11. WE'LL BE THERE TO HELP YOU.

STAR GAZING

WHAT'S IN STORE FOR NICK CARTER OF BACKSTREET BOYS (BORN 20/1/80)

This guy's unstoppable! Backstreet Boys is the beginning

of a music career will continue

Nick will continue to

play nice

and will

move into acting. One day

Nick will never be off the TV

the path of true

smoothly to our Nick. When he

eventually finds his soul mate

won't take him seriously. That

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Nick will reach





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Edie sees in the New Year with, erm, a bang...

I've read Dylan's letter a million times but I can't work out if I should be hating his guts or pining after him. I think the pining will win. I haven't been to his new flat yet, but all that's about to change.

"So we'll just pretend we were passing," Shona said. "We've got Grimbo cards to deliver," Nat added as they dragged me round to the flat Dylan shares with Simon, Paul and the hideous Carter. I'd still been dithering over the Dylan letter – all that stuff about me being heartless and hard had really wounded me. But here I was standing on his doorstep with Nat and Shona – my mate and our head – one of my arms so I can be a school

Paul answered that he had been in London last year. When you see a teacher pil getting on so well. **Becky, Southampton**

skanky new gr
his lap. Simon,
since our ill-advis
lanky girl Carter, w
me and said, "Oh,
longer an officially mss.
"Oh it's Cartman," I hiss
rudest boy in the world "

"It's Carter, sweetheart," he said.
"And it's Edie," I snarled, while
Shona shot me a warning look.

I had to sit there for a very painful hour while Veronique wittered on about her performance art piece. I don't know what Dylan sees in her. Dylan kept sneaking looks at me like he couldn't believe I was sitting on his sofa after my two-month disappearing act. I pretended everything was cool but seeing Veronique and

Dylan tore me apart. And Simon was smirking and Carter was sneering and it was just horrible.

Christmas sucks. Fact. My grand'rents were doting on me and I even managed to get out of Cerulean City on my Pokémon game. Then I realised Dylan had been dating Veronique for longer than he dated me. And as the Quality Street and mixed nuts in the world couldn't change that.

The new millennium started in a scary way. Nat had promised we'd stay in until he heard that Trent (his ex) was in town and going to the lads' party. I had refused to go but here I was hiding behind Dylan's weird Crimbo tree in my vintage cocktail dress and wishing I wasn't. I was helping myself to another glass of punch when Dylan walked over.

"Hey," he muttered.

"The letter." He trailed off.
"Was another of your little mind games," I finished for him. "You might be going out with her but I bet you can't get me out of your head. You're sleeping with her aren't you?" I didn't know why I was saying these terrible things. Maybe Dylan was right, I was a heartless bitch. My raised voice had echoed the kitchen and Dylan shifted uncomfortably.
"When you talk like that Edie," he said, "I'm so glad we're not going out any more." I felt like he'd punched me in the stomach.
"No you don't," I insisted. "I know you still want me."

"Yeah, like a hole in the head."

And something had changed.

Dylan was the hunted and I was, like, the hunter. I reached up and kissed him. He tried to hold back but for one delicious moment he gave in before pushing me away.

"I can't do this to her," he mumbled and walked out. There was the sound of a slow handcap from the doorway. I whirled round to see Carter standing there.

"What do you do for an encore?" he wanted to know.

"How long have you been standing there?" I demanded.

"Long enough." He slowly looked me up and down. "I haven't known you for very long but have you always been such a bitch?"

"And what's it to you?" It was like some evil demon had taken me over and I couldn't stop.

"Veronique's my sister," Carter said very calmly. "If you mess with her you mess with me."

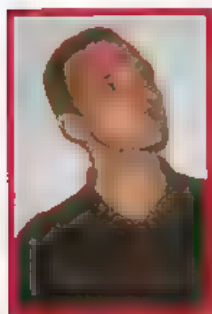
I pushed past him. "I should have known that two genetic throwbacks like you and her had to be related," was my parting shot. He caught up with me in the lounge as the countdown to midnight started.

"You really are a silly cow," he said tauntingly. "What did Dylan ever see in you?"

I'm hazy about exactly what happened next. I think I called Carter a stickboy loser and then somehow we were kissing – but it was total war. Eventually we came up for air. I scraped a hand across my tingling mouth and looked straight at him.

"It's the only way to shut you up," Carter said a little unsteadily. There was a collective gasp from behind me and I looked round to see everyone, including Dylan, staring at me and Carter. **To be continued...**





BONDING

SEND YOUR LETTERS TO ROB, 'MAIL BONDING', J17, 189 SHAFESBURY AVENUE, LONDON WC2H 8JG. FAX US ON 0171-208 3590 OR E-MAIL ME AT rob.blidulph@com.esmag.com. STAR LETTER GETS COLD HARD CASH TO THE VALUE OF £20

MATE IN A STATE

I was wondering if you could help me. I'm trying to trace my best friend from primary school and so far I've had no luck. Her name is Hannah Morgan and she was born in January 1983. She used to live in Thornbury near Bristol before moving to Cornwall in 1994. I really want to get in touch with her because we were really good mates and I'd love to see her again. Help me Rob, you're my only hope.

Ex oh South Georgia here too

What is this, *Surprise Surprise* or something? Oh what the heck just call me Cilla. If anyone out there has seen or heard of Miss Morgan, be sure to get in touch with us here at J17 and we'll do our best to put these two separated bestie mates in touch with each other. I expect a lotta lotta letters in response...

WE HAVE A DREAM...

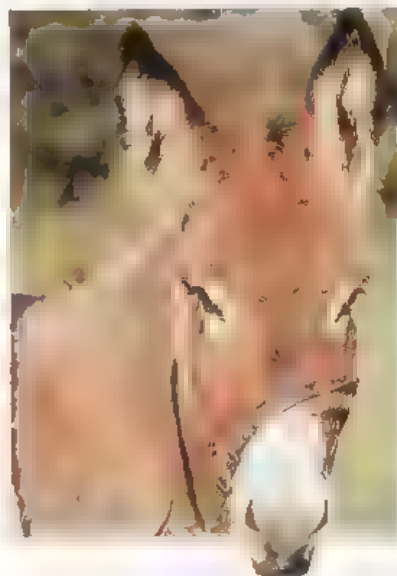
In my opinion Westlife are number one! Five gorgeous lads singing brilliant songs - what more could a girl want? Well, actually this: My friend and I are in lust with Shane and Nicky and desperately want pictures of them to stick on our bedroom walls. Please please please, Rob, make our day by obliging!

Michelle, East Lothian

Hey who am I to disappoint? Check out p6-11 (yeah I like you haven't done already!) and feast your eyes on the veritable plethora of gorgeous mugshots. Am I good to you guys or what?

DONKEY GONE

On 31 October my beloved donkey Timmy O'Toole was snatched from the farm where I live. He is quite large, usually followed around by a swarm of flies and slightly resembles Austin Powers (It's the gnashers). He was last spotted in Dublin drinking Guinness with a dodgy-looking character who looked like Ronan Keating.



Any help would be appreciated.

Missing Her Donkey, Ireland

It's so difficult when a loved one goes astray. I once lost Terry Features, my pet cactus, and was out of my mind with worry. The big city is a scary place for a small spiky plant, but fortunately he turned up safe and sound on the floor under the shelf in my room where he lives. I'm sure Timmy will be fine too - Ronan can be a bit of an ass so at least he's found one of his own to hang with.

NAT 'N' SOPH'S ISLE OF WIGHT PROJECT

Please print this photo of me and my best mate Sophie in your mag. The picture is our version of the *Blair Witch Project* taken in the back of a coach travelling to the Isle of Wight. What do you reckon? Scary, or what?

Natalie Barnard, Aberdeenshire

I'm writing this reply from behind the sofa because the mere sight of your picture has terrified me so Birney would I ever hate to bump into you two scary creatures in the middle of a spooky forest at night where there was voices in the dark, screaming, piles of rocks and wooden scary doo-things. One question though, which witch is which?

KEEN ON VASELINE

I've written a poem about the wonders of Vaseline: *Stick it on your fingers, stick it on your toes, wipe it round your nostrils to cure a bright red nose, make your lips go shiny and your eyelids too, there is nothing better than this lovely sticky gool*

Crazy person, Kent
We Crazy, it seems you're not the only one who has a bit of a penchant for the petroleum marvel that is Vaseline. First place in the Sista Style Awards Sleptastic Award category (see p43) proves that when it comes to your fave beauty essentials there's nowt more popular than good old petrol in a tin! J17's beauty editor, the gorgeous Lara, would be very proud of you.



AREA T WE LUCKY?

First off can I just say how much I love J17? Secondly I'd like to say how lucky we are to have been born when we were and not in 1883, or whatever. I've been watching this TV programme called *The 1900 House* and it seemed like women in those days had such a terrible time. There was no shampoo, no bubble bath, no

CDs, no tampons or STIs. And girls my age didn't go to school because there was so much stuff to do around the house. I reckon we don't know how lucky we are nowadays, but my grandad would say.

Nicola, Chislewick
Thanks for your letter Nicola I reckon you're right, though I watched one episode of that programme when they were eating fish 'n' chips, and wearing all old clothes and thought it looked quite good fun! But seriously, sometimes we do forget that now we have mobile phones, washing machines and electricity, everyday life really is a lot less hassle than it used to be. Not only that but women can now vote back in 1900 they couldn't even do that!



MAIL-PONDERING

Here are some suggestions as to who could replace the sadly-departed Marc:

- 1 Seth Green. Why?** He's a babe and Dr Evil may blow up the office if you don't choose him.
 - 2 Rory the lion. Why?** Because he's the cutest lion ever. Need I say more?!!
 - 3 Sabina the art girl. Why?** She did a pretty good job when Marc was on holiday last year.
 - 4 David Beckham. Why?** He's gorgeous and plays for the best team in the land.
 - 5 Robbie Williams. Why?** Because then you could be the two Robbies.
- Groovy Chick**

OK, let's tackle these one at a time:

- 1** Seth has already given me a hand a few months back and to tell you the truth we didn't get on. I think he was jealous.
 - 2** Rory gets more fanmail than he can hold in his little paws so giving him more exposure wouldn't be fair on the poor cub's limbs!
 - 3** Sabina is too busy keeping the art boys in check - it's a dirty job, but someone's got to do it!
 - 4** I support Arsenal. 'Nuff said.
 - 5** Would be too confusing.
- Anyway - watch this space because next month you could be in for a surprise...



The National Drugs Helpline A-Z Drugs

Cannabis

What's it called?

Marijuana, dray, blow, weed, puff, hash, ganja

What's it look like?

A solid, dark lump known as resin or leaves, stalks and seeds known as grass. It can be rolled with tobacco into a spliff or joint, smoked on its own in a pipe or eaten.

How does it make you feel?

Getting 'stoned' can make you feel relaxed and talkative, crave certain foods, heighten your senses and leave you feeling tired and lacking in energy.

What are the risks?

Cannabis can affect short-term memory, concentration and co-ordination. It can make users paranoid and anxious. Smoking cannabis with tobacco can increase the risk of smoking-related diseases like lung cancer.

Warning: Cannabis is classified by the Home Office as a Class B drug. Possession is illegal.

Cocaine/crack

What's it called?

Dope, charlie, snow, C, rock, stone

What's it look like?

Cocaine is a white powder that can be snorted or injected, and crack is a smokeable form of it.



How does it make you feel?

Cocaine can make you feel alert and confident for around 30 minutes. The effects of crack are much more intense.

What are the risks?

Can make users feel confused and paranoid and cause long-term cocaine use can cause convulsions, physical pain and heart problems. Users have died from overdose. Crack is highly addictive, expensive and a hard habit to control. **Warning:** Cocaine and crack are Class A drugs. Possession is illegal.

Ecstasy

What's it called?

E, doves, disco biscuits, burgers, MDMA

What's it look like?

A variety of different sized and coloured tablets and pills.

How does it make you feel?

Ecstasy can make users feel alert and in tune with other people. Sound, colour and emotions can seem intense and users have the energy to dance for hours.

What are the risks?

Effects of taking ecstasy include sweating, nausea, increased heart rate and tightening of the jaw. Ecstasy can cause liver and kidney problems. There have been more than 60 ecstasy-related deaths in the UK.

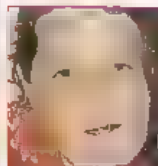
Warning: Ecstasy is a Class A drug. Possession is illegal.

Help is always out there. It's just a question of asking.

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Time of the month

Mates of the month spesh



Please print this photo of my best friend Sam. We've been mates for eight years, she's always there for me, and I want everyone to know what a great pal she is.

Jo-Anne, Burnley

This is a photo of my mate Sam (on the left) and our head of year Mrs Unwin on a school trip to the V&A in London last year. It's not often you see a teacher and a pupil getting on so well.

Becky, Southampton



I started a new school last year and since then I haven't seen much of my old friends. Please print this piccie to show them I still think they are star mates!

Sarah, Durham



Keyring of the month

I made this keyring to show you how much I love your mag, Chloe, Wares

Sizzling

DRAZIC - Heartbreak
High's mechanic is hot

SETH GREEN - call me Mrs Evil

DYLAN - you keep telling me he's not real but we know the truth

JOSH JACKSON in how many ways do I love thee?

Fizzling

MATT DAMON - too many teeth...

RICH FIVE - too many teeth

KICKY N. KIIN - get over yourself a ready!

~ how could you leave J17?
Katy, Reading

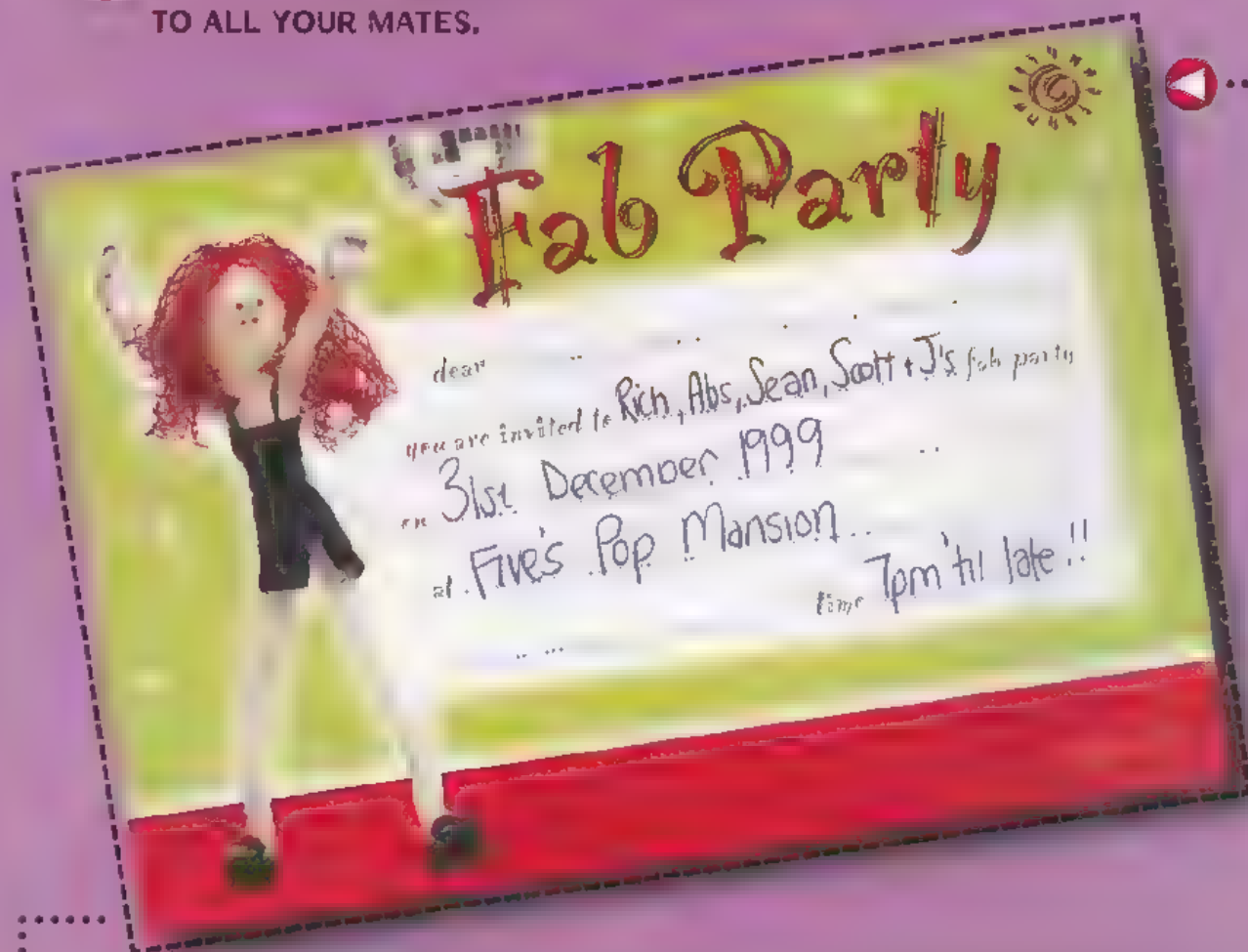


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Where It's At the winning entries!

Meet the final talented winners of the J17 Search For A Star competition...

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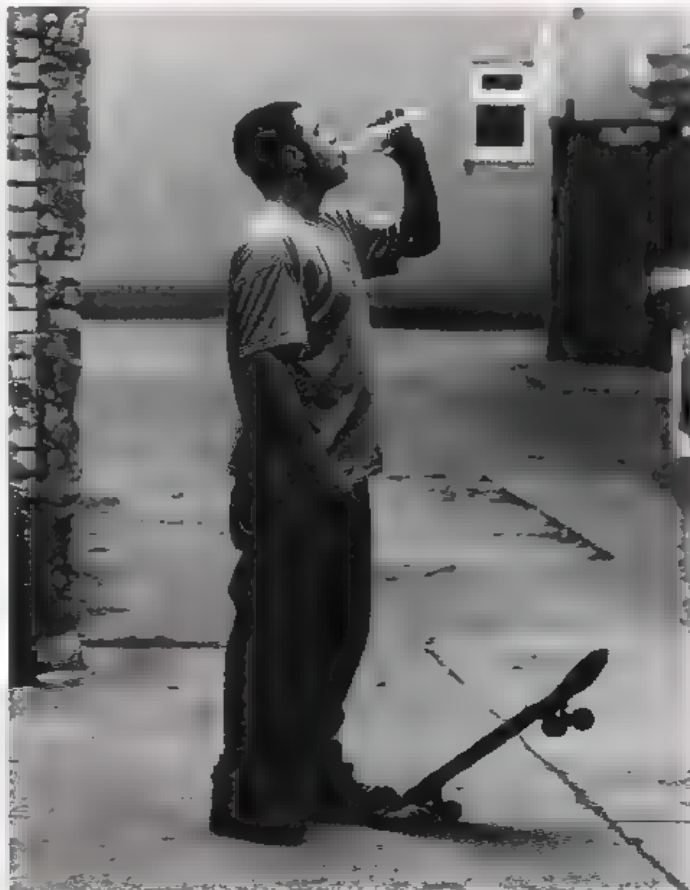
Emma Johansen, 18, from Devon

Judged by professional photographer Kate Martin, who shoots the pictures for J17's front covers



Emma submitted the following explanation with her picture: "The image is part of a series of photographs I took of a group of skateboarders. Some were taken while they were in action and some, like this one, while they were standing around, unaware I was photographing them. I was really pleased to have produced a photograph with such great composition and style without even thinking about it, and what makes it special are the reactions from other people upon seeing it."

Kate says, "This picture stands out from the rest because it's been really well-composed. The light is nice with good depth and tonal range, but in spite of this, it still manages to look very natural."



Illustration

Claire Hughes, 13, from Worcs

Judged by professional illustrator James Jarvis, who is a frequent contributor to J17

Claire submitted the following explanation with her picture: "As the year 2000 is coming up, I drew a picture about where the millennium will be at for me. People wonder about the millennium. New inventions, flying machines, the world ending and the millennium bug. They wonder about all these thoughts inside their heads, without saying them out loud. When I hear the word millennium, it triggers off thoughts, images and emotions which go on inside my head and are special to me. I have expressed these thoughts and emotions with one picture, entitled 'Where it's at'."

James says, "I decided to give first prize to Claire and her weird head picture because I like the very clean and graphic design element of the head. The overall design of the illustration is really harmonic."

**J17
Talent**

Feel inspired?
Then keep
reading. We'll
have more talent comp
next summer.



STYLISH

See-through

stuff is really trendy at the mo'. First came the coloured MAC computers, then GameBoy launched a see-through console. Now the latest thing to be seen with is one of these fantastic special-edition **Palm IIIe** organisers. This nifty little gadget can send e-mails, store loads of addresses/telephone numbers, remind you of mega-important dates, play games and if one of your mates has got one as well, you can beam messages to each other. How cool is that! No more embarrassing situations when teach finds that note you've been passing round! It's a bit expensive at **£199** but it is Christmas and F10fax's are so passé! For more info check out their website at <http://www.palm-europe.com>





we could snoop around Drew Barymore's bedroom, we reckon we'd find a pot of this on her dressing table. It's called **Kitten** and it's an oh-so-soft ball of fluffy, powder puff snuggling in sparkly powder. Just dust some over your shoulders or, if you're feeling full of Christmas spirit, buy one as a cool Yule gift for your best mate. Only one problem though, it costs **£23**. Peanuts to the likes of Drew, but big bucks to the rest of us. That's why Scrooges like us love Star Dust. Dust Shaker **£3.95** from **£7** instead. Kitten by Benefit is available from House Of Fraser, Kendals, Selfridges and Rackhams. For stockist enquiries ring 0191 113 0001. Or check out their website on www.benefitcosmetics.com



- 1 Fairy houses: If mine are
hidden, look like Santa's gnomes.
- 2 Peeking Santa: The holiday's
crockery. Doh!
- 3 Festive shopping: It's
happening now.
- 4 Winterland as they sound.
- 5 Christmas chocolate selection packs:
Many choices, many flavours. Hurray!
- 6 Hurry on four times a week: The
never clip fully runneth over.

toast your tootsies

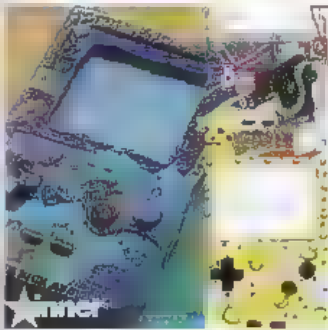
Christmas pud Now, put a lid on it. You
own a few cyans & chuckles.
Drift tops The com'puter your
signs: Grimbo, which
Wind chill Time to dig out that
no. 10 strength moisturiser.
Fall on glitter Subtle shimmering is
where it's at, darling.
**Getting bits of Brussels sprout
stuck between your teeth**
The M word You know the one we
mean. Usi don't say it.
Boying presents It's way better to
be ye than give. Yeah, right.
This fringes To say just don't make a
sweater. Big ?

Keep the heat on your feet
with these fab new foot gloves
from . There's a
big thing happening down
round the ankles this season
and legwarmers are big news
for winter. So are ankle socks
and pop-socks. Definitely more
'la de dah' than Grandma.





1 Iced Cranberry Snow Globe Soap £2.50 from **Bath & Body Works**. 2 Emergency Mouth Treatment £13 from Alchemy at **House Of Fraser**. 3 Karma bead bracelets £3 from **Claire's Accessories**. 4 Sparkly hair clips £7.99 from Mood at **Debenhams**. 5 Mouse Mini glitter compact £5.95 from **Pupa** at major department stores

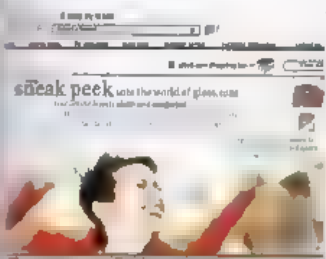


We ran a competition a few issues back to win a brand new **GameBoy** console. As you had to do was dress up a console and the best one would win. We had a HUGE response and here's the winner and some of our other faves. You're a talented lot! The winner - **Joanna Patching, Midgham**. Pokémon - **Jenna Leary, Sherfield**. Smiley - **Clare Roberts, Lytham**. St Annes



as well as those huge tower block trainers the Spice Girls used to wear **Buffalo** have got the best foot gear ever! It doesn't matter what your style is, they'll have something you'd kill for! Check out these glitter pumps £44.90 and suede feather boots £99.90 (shown, left). For loads more like this take a gander at their website <http://www.buffalo-shoes.com> or call 0171-379 1051.

Clow a bit of Gold Dust into your make-up bag with **Max Factor's** millennium make-up. We rate the Gold Dust and Silver Storm 3-in-1 Nails £5 for fab fingers and Berry Shine and Silver Shine Lip Gloss £5 for snuggable lips.



You might've read or seen some of those odd e-for ranges of soap and perfume from the US that we can't get over here. Well, check out **Gloss.com** and you'll think you've gone to beauty heaven. There are some well smart products to bag like those brilliant 'Grass', 'Fig Leaf' and 'Chocolate Mint' fragrances by Demeter. Tony & Tina, Dirty Girl and Get Fresh. How much money can one girl spend? <http://www.gloss.com>

Me Surf



Dream catchers are everywhere right now, from mobiles to these earrings £9.95 by **Chuakydory**. Danni has a so designed a big dream-catcher pendant that links fab with anything from a noddie to something more glam. Call 0181 866 7263 for mail order.

shopwatch

■ If clutter is a sore big in your house then you need **NYNC** is a few places that gives you a manicure in less than 30 minutes. They've just opened two shops at 17 South Molton Street and 100 Regent Street, London. But they've got big plans to open stores nationwide. ■ Check out **Boots** is might be a visit to bustle with entry. One of her new extensions ranges in Deco-See Elements skin care from £6 and we love MAYA limited edition 800g Lipbalm £3.49 only available 28 December. There's also their angle Face Coat Hanger £8 for a more stylish wardrobe. ■ Have you ever suffered a hairdressing emergency? The Hairdressing Council have set up a registration system for good hairdressers. So now you can check if you suit a hairdressing salon. State Registered Hairdresser certification. ■ Not only can you bag some fab items like Box Fresh and Firetrap from home shopping catalogues, there's a so some really nice gifts for you. We love these novelty cushions, style #0X 4344 £10 from **Empire catalogue**. Choose the latest only you like from kittens in a basket to fishing fuels. ■ **Mujil** are taking over new shops and opening in the Oracle shopping centre, Reading, and in Leeds. For more info call 0171 323 2208. ■ If you feel are a little bit above and you're from about what's web this Christmas have a flick through the **Nina to Eleven** footwear catalogue. You'll bound to find something in your size. For a free catalogue call 01420 561947 or have a peek at the website <http://www.9211.co.uk>



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SISTA STYLE

'Tis the season to be jolly! So let Kat save us from hair dye that won't wash out and dark circles under our eyes.

I recently coloured my hair black and I hate it 'cause it looks much too dark! I can't wait for it to wash out. Are there any shampoos or products I could use to get rid of it?

Anonymous

Well, it all depends if you used a semi-permanent colour or a permanent one. Semi-permanent colours usually come in a tube and should wash out after 6-8 washes. If you used one of these, you could try applying shampoo to dry hair then washing it, towel-drying your hair and shampooing it again. This way you'll open up the cuticles that coat each strand of hair and allow more shampoo to get into the hair. If you used a permanent colour (where you had to mix two bottles – one containing hydrogen peroxide) I'm afraid you'll just have to wait for the colour to grow out. If that seems far too long, go see your hairdresser. Good luck

I went on holiday to America recently and noticed a very cool brand of clothes called Abercrombie & Fitch.

Do you know where I can find them over here?

Larissa, South Wales

Oooh you little tinker you. I bet you checked out all the top totty in their ad campaigns too – they've got more muses than my local fish market! I wonder if you caught the reference to A&F in the Lyte Funky Ones' song *Summer Girls*? As for the clothing, I went to the

Abercrombie & Fitch website at www.abercrombie.com and got myself into a right Amer-can-cotton frenzy. What fantastic gear!

Unfortunately for us, there aren't any A&F stockists in the UK at the moment, but you can bag their accessories, sweats, outerwear and fleeces from the A&F website. You'll also find loads of eye-peasing pics to keep you happy. Hopefully, we'll see A&F stores over here soon. If I hear anything you'll be the first to know!

I really like the colour of my eyes but I've got mega dark circles underneath them. Is there anything I can use to stop me looking like a panda?

Sarah, Swindon

The best way to lose dark circles is to get loads of sleep, drink plenty of water and use a good concealer. Dark circles are really common and most models I know have 'em. There are loads of concealers around, but my all-time fave is Radiant Touch by Yves St Laurent (loads of celebs swear by it too). It's very pricey at £19, but you only have to use a little bit so it lasts ages. If it's way out of your price range you can try the Warm, Fair or Medium concealers from The Make-Up Range at Tesco. They're only £3.10 each and should cover the shadows nicely.

My friend and I have been looking all over for coloured pop-socks. Any ideas?

Steph (14), Aberdeen

Most leading department stores like House Of Fraser, Selfridges

and John Lewis stock them. The best ones I've found are by a company called Jonathan Aston. Kylie and Madonna have both worn 'em and they come in gorgeous, bright colours (acid yellow being one of my faves) and cost about £2.99. Call 0161 286 2388 for your nearest stockist. I'd be surprised if you don't find any you like but, should that happen, you could try a style I spotted in New York. Street sistas over there have taken to wearing coloured frilly elastic at the top of their socks to keep them up. That way you can cut some 'tastic tights off at any length you like and they'll stay up. Cool huh?

Do you know where I can get that fab lip gloss Posh Spice and Cat Deeley have been wearing lately? It's really shiny and sort of pearly. Thanks.

Nikki, Manchester

Posh was too busy broodin' and Cat was out wheein' and a Deeley so I couldn't find out the gloss on their gloss, but I did the next best thing and spoke to J17's celeb make-up artist Kim Brown. She reckons the best lip gloss around is one by Mac. It's dead shiny, stays put for ages and Kim says that if you put a small dot of white pearlised eyeshadow onto your lower lip then slap the gloss over the top, it'll give your lips a rad pearlised look. The gloss costs £7 a pot and you can call 0171 349 9222 for stockists. If you want a cheaper alternative then Kim rate Colourings Natural Lip Tint. £3.75 from The Body Shop. Siapastic!

KAT'S OUTFIT FOR JANUARY...

Three-length puffed skirt £19.99

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£25 by **Paul Frank** at **Home** • Feather

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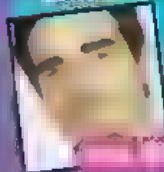


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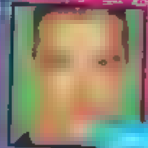
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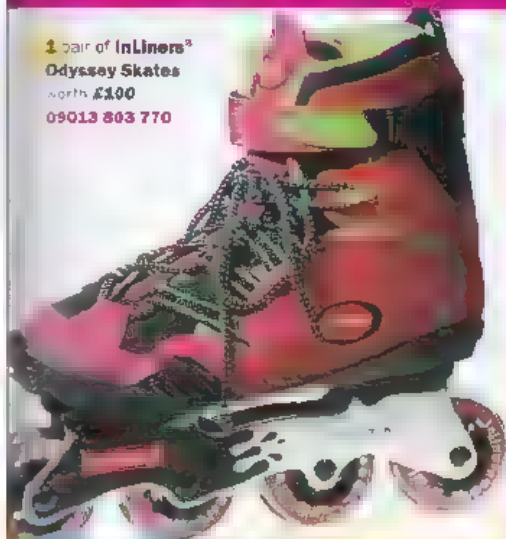
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Freebie frenzy! Suzanne Photos: Rob

CHILLER KILLER

Wrap up against the cold, and whatever else is out there...





KITTY Yellow padded jacket £16.99 from **Select** Green rollneck jumper £17.99 from **New Look**

CHARLIE Navy padded jacket from a selection by **Messa Green** for £5.99 from **N&M**

ALEX Navy padded coat from a selection by **Johnny** Patterned scarf £11 from **French Connection** Hat from a selection at **Kat**

CHARLIE Green/red mphair jumper £40.99 and beige padded gilet £72.99 both from **Super Love** Navy trousers £58 by **Remade**

Selection jeans £68 by **New Look** Red rucksack £24.99 by **Eastpak**

KITTY Denim padded coat from a selection by **Calvin Klein** and tartan scarf £36.50 from **Super Love** Grey trousers from a selection at **Levi's**



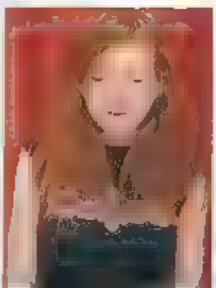
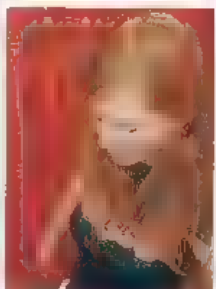
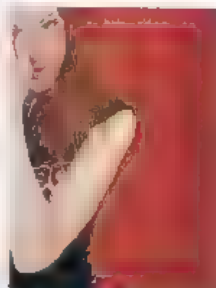




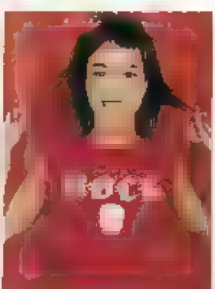
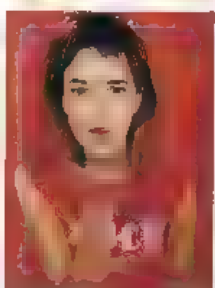
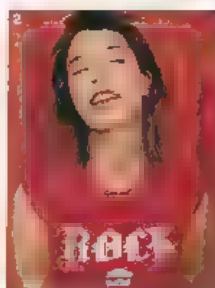
Just messin

Throw away your brush, because backcombed and mussed-up styles are the coolest looks around... ►

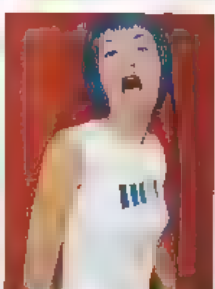




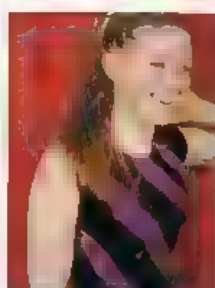
F We're campaigning to bring rock bunsches (as done properly they look boss). Make a side parting, secure your hair into two sections with a snag-free elastic band then lightly backcomb each bunch. To make them look really wild, use a crimper on a few strands.



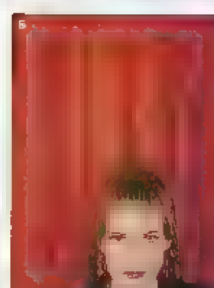
G If you can't decide whether to have long or short hair, or maybe you just want a mullet, try **Trevor Sorbie Hair Wefts, £25**. Pick your fave clip-in hair piece (we used clip-dyed ones) and just clip it under a layer of your own. Baret for a flash of colour



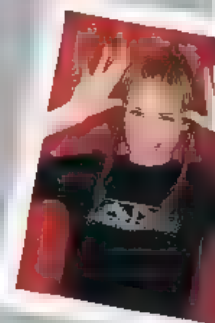
H Get down and get wiggly with this electric blue wig, **Claire's Accessories, £20**. If you want to look even wilder, stick coloured sequins around the crown or along the parting... and tonight Matthew, you can be Cher!



I For a cool ponytail, pull the centre section of your hair into a high bunch, section-plait the side sections of loose hair, wrap them round the ponytail and secure with clips. For extra impact, backcomb the ponytail and apply **Trevor Sorbie Wax £4.99** to the ends.



J If your saggy locks are making you feel more drippy than hippie, just knot 'em. Take the back centre section of your hair up, knot it at the crown and secure with grips. Tease out a bit of hair from the knot to make a fake fringe, then braid the remaining loose hair.





1 Wave goodbye to straight hair by washing your hair, towel-drying it, then applying a teeny blob of **Trevor Sorbie Gel £3.99**. While it's still slightly damp, section your hair into three big chunks. Plait both the side sections and pull the centre panel back into a sleek ponytail. Now sit back with a mug of tea until your hair's dry, then you can undo the plaits and discover your luscious new waves.

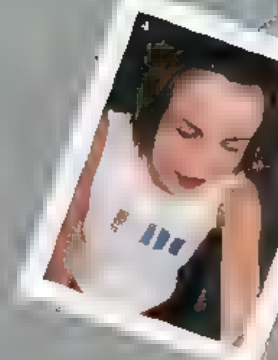
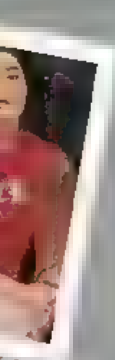
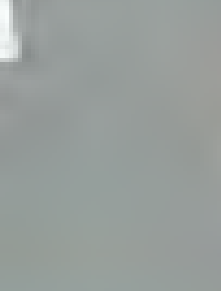
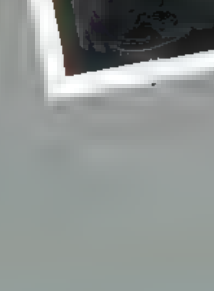
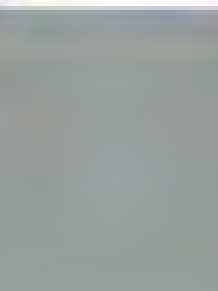
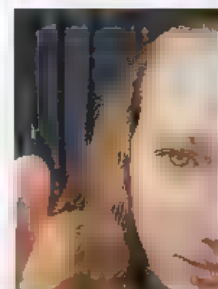
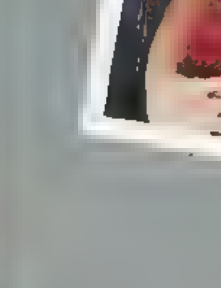
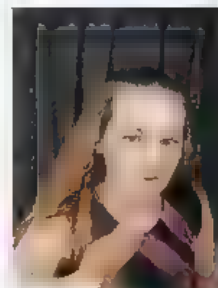
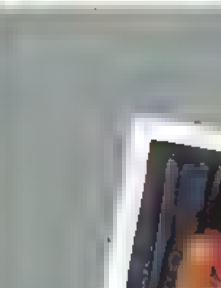
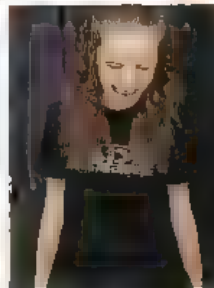
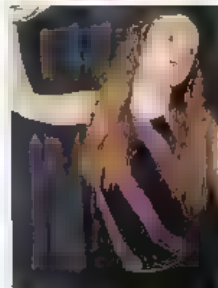
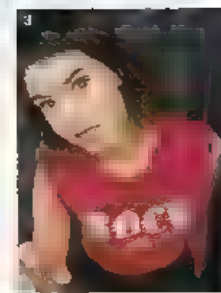
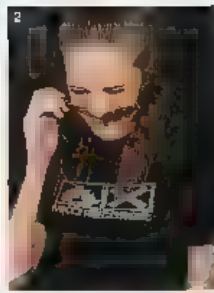
2 Funk up your girly curls by sectioning the front half of your hair into a ponytail, leaving some hair flowing loose. Next, get out your tongs, curl some of the loose strands and plait the rest. If you studied *What's Up* in October's 117 you should also be able to add some mini-fishtail plaits in between the curls for added style.

3 We thought we'd seen everything, but the latest hair news is that mullets (short fringe, long layers at the back) are returning for Y2K. For that sizzling mullet look, crimp the ends to create a bit of volume and spritz with hairspray.

4 To give short hair a lift, try this: at the front, cross one section of hair over another and secure with grips. Do this four or five times adding as many clips and grips as you like so it looks a mite messy. Finish off with **Trevor Sorbie Fixing Spray £3.79**.

Tips for shorties

- If your hair looks punky when you wake up, don't spend ages straightening it. Messy is the new sleek.
- Tip the ends of your hair with temporary colour or one of the new hair gels that glow under UV light.
- Short hair is coolest when it's coloured, and at least if you don't like the shade, it'll grow out quickly.
- A glittery clip works wonders on any do. ✿



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gig of the month



The Charlatans

Tim Burgess and his pals rock us

film of the month



Mystery Men

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tv of the month



Justin's Story

From schoolboy to pop star

video of the month



Cruel Intentions

Reese and Ryan in a saucy shocker

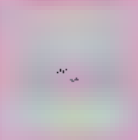
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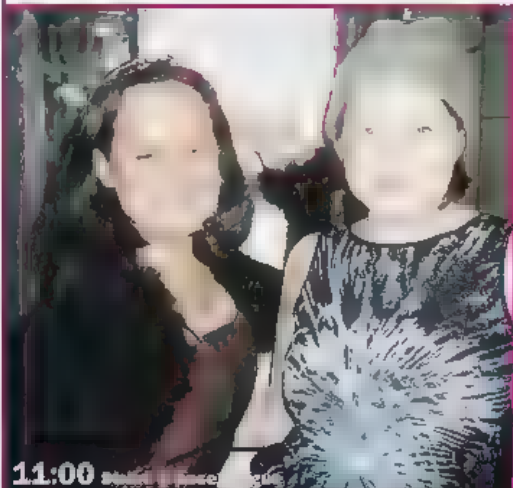
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Rayman 2

The funny fella's back with a top new game.

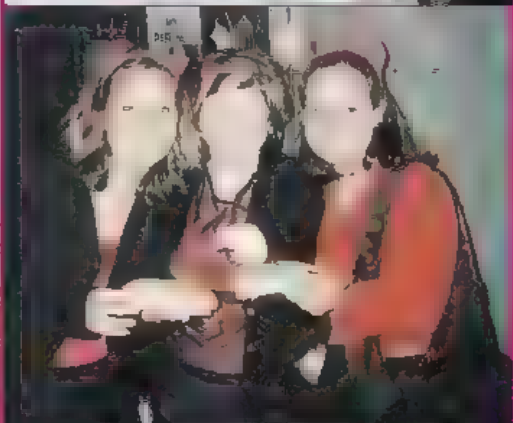
J17 reader Lorna Aitken, 18, talks us through the Saturday that rocks her world...



11:00 *Shine Like a Star*



15:15 *The Talent*



02:30 *Devil Horns, hotdogs, 2.30 in the morning* - NOT a good combination!

Finish dreaming about riding into the sunset with Joe. I have the nicest eyes in the world! McFadden

Rise and shine! Move that just a rise. I hate mornings

Meet my friends in Glasgow to indulge in some serious retail therapy. Sadly, since I became a student, the only shopping I do is the window kind.

Having tried on about 99 outfits in the one shop we decide to buy, well, everything!

Head to Miss Selfridge. End up getting strange looks from the shop assistants for laughing at the messages on the tongs - Bad Fairy, Horny Devil, Goddess, Etc.

Meet the rest of my new uni friends in the canteen at Strathclyde Students' Union. Have a spot of lunch while my mates Grant and Alex eat everything in sight!

Chill out for the rest of the day in the Union's Bubble Lounge with numerous tubs of ice cream and endless cups of Diet Peps.

Laugh hysterically at: 1. Alex's jokes (just to let you know girls, he's a niggle); 2. Carl's continuous promises to get fit and go swimming; 3. Grant eating even more food (does the boy ever stop?)

Get home. Order a huge Chinese takeout with my girlfriends. Well, we need to build up our strength if we're going to pull (hopefully!) and party all night.

Yeah! We're the Karaoke queens

Prance around my room to Steps, Five and Shania Twain's Man, I Feel Like A Woman. Get ready for the fancy dress party of the year.

Leaving an array of make-up, hairdryers and copious amounts of glitter behind, two devils and a witch are ready to leave. Devil horns are sooo this season, dahling!

Meet the rest of our posse at the Students' Union

"It's raining men." "Awww!" Meet some tasty, non-toxic boys. Get whisked on to the stage and make like Patrick Swayze and what's his name in Dirty Dancing.

Just enough time to grab a hot dog and exchange the gossip before the nice taxi man arrives to take us home.

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eminem

There's some bare chest going on *Rolling Stone*'s month's Pop Tart, courtesy of rap's wannabe bad boy Eminem. Naughty Em, whose real name is Marshall, reckons that his controversial songs are like an episode of *South Park*. But the jury's still out on that. All we know is that there's something fanciable about a lad your 'rents would disapprove of. And Em is more toxic than a ton of industrial waste.

that's entertainment

H from steps

The last CD I bought...

Northern Star by Mel C. It was fantastic and I was glad that she proved a lot of people wrong. I hoped she would do so good on her. I can see myself maybe going solo some time but I don't think I'd go punky like Mel!

The last book I read...

Adeline Yen Mah's *Falling Leaves*. It's about this Chinese woman who had a really harsh childhood. It's brilliant. I'm just about to read the Cher biography or maybe the Geni biography. I can't wait to read that one.

The last video I rented...

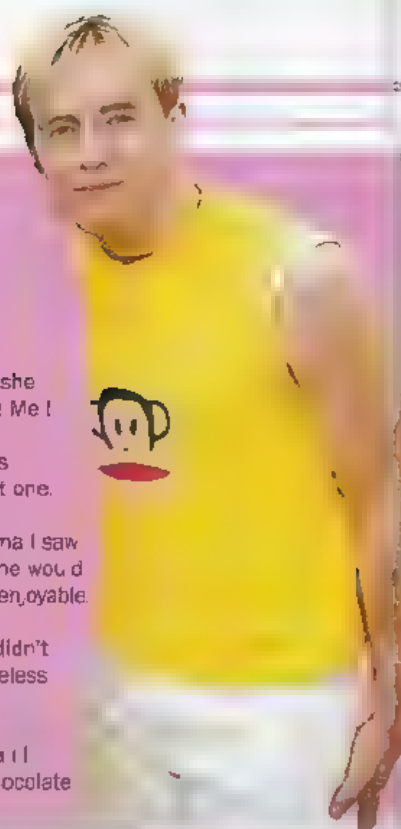
Hmmmm, I can't actually remember the last time I got a video out but the last time I went to the cinema I saw the shark movie *Deep Blue Sea*. It was fantastic. I wanted to see it when we were in America but no-one would come with me. It was dead scary, we jumped about a mile high out of our seats. Scary movies are really enjoyable.

The last computer game I played...

Gameboy and the *Pokémon* game I think and both of them are driving me mad. I have to 'fess that I didn't buy it, I blagged a copy from www.toyzone.co.uk who sponsored our recent UK dates, hence the shameless plug.

The last chocolate bar I ate...

It's funny you should ask me that 'cause I've just been eating a Flake. It's not my favourite but it was a bit I could get my hands on. My favourite is probably Crunchie or Galaxy or Fruit 'n' Nut. In fact, I love a chocolate



what a gigging good year that was

It's time to look back at the year...

1 backstreet boys

Big budget sets, top costumes and ace songs that are impossible not to move to. The grooviest boy band of them all. After this gig, we reckoned they should come to our little country more often.

Courtney Love rawking in a pink bra, fairy wings and sequinned hot pants. We left feeling more feisty than usual.

3 stereophonics

Filling stadiums and thrilling festival-goers everywhere with their rocking good offerings. Just the one mystery: does Kelly ever change that little black vest of his?

More hip-swinging than Ricky Martin, those glam boys delivered years of hits under a spangly set.

5 steps

Top dance routines, glamorous costumes and all our favourite hits. They made us want to learn their merry craft. We'll practise the dance routine for *Tragedy* in front of the bedroom mirror anyway.

Happy, hairy and not at all scary. Those top tune-mongers thrilled us and made us jump up and down 'til our knees gave way. Yay!

7 the charlatans

Luscious Tim and his pals led us into the moshpit with their cheery singalong tunes. Note: always guaranteed a high totty count in the audience.

Not so much a gig but the weirdest

experience of your life. It was a little bit dancey, a little bit heavy, and an awful lot Welsh. And it was a joy, as always, to see trumpet players dressed as vegetables.

9 911

The three fellas wowed us with their magic tricks and greatest hits. And our Chantele hob-nobbed with Spike before the show.

Not much to look at, unless you fancy your brother's spoddy, PlayStation-hugging mates, but brilliant to listen to. They rocked – and they brought along pictures of tractors to 'entertain' us.

popsy in your pocket



**enrique
inglesias**

Swarthy of skin, devilish of eyebrow and sultry of mouth, Enrique is even hotter than rival Latino rocker, Ricky Martin according to some. But, hey, we ain't taking sides – we'd snog 'em both.

WIN!

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The songs that'll have granny limboing underneath the coffee table. Buy 'em, borrow 'em, blag 'em, then tape 'em and use our fetching cut-out-and-keep compilation art work to shove inside your tape box

Mr Henky

What The Hell Child Is This?

From the South Park Mr Henky's Christmas Classics album. Play loud when the rental units are out of earshot.

The Crystals

Sleigh Ride

The cork ngest Crimbo ditty recorded. Ever. No competition.

St Etienne with Tim Burgess

I Was Born On Christmas Day

And this is the second corkngest Crimbo ditty committed to tape. Ever.

Merry Christmas Everybody

Erm, we think you find that it's aganst the law to make a Christmas tape without this track on it.

I Wish It Could Be

Christmas Everyday

Or this one.

Elvis Presley

Love, Peace And Understanding

Our Dorothy reckons this was Elvis' most festive offering. While our Rob reckoned it was *Blue Christmas*. And they're still fighting about it.

Gerys from Catalonia

Red Hot Rides

Baby, It's Cold Outside

Definitely in with a chance for the Christmas No 1.

The Ronettes

Rudolph The Red Nosed Reindeer

By golly, they don't make em like this any more, do they? And don't pretend you don't know all the words.

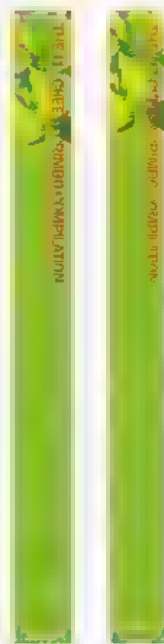
You're My Number One

This choon just positively reeks of chestnuts roasting on an open fire, snogs under mistletoe and the like.

Ricky Martin

La Vida Loca

Not strictly a Christmas song but absolutely guaranteed to get any party going. And, of course, you can dream about snogging the Latin lover under the mistletoe.



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the year in music

It's a Christmas song, it's a review of the year's musical highlights and it's our gift to you, dear readers*...

*On the first day of Christmas
my true love sent to me...*

*Twelve boy bands back-flipping
Eleven Mariah Carey clones a'warbling
Ten Ricky-alikes hip-swingelling
Nine soap stars with record contracts
Eight girl bands being feisty
Seven cheeky popsters going for that difficult adult market
Six girl singers showing serious navel
Five gold discs
Four remaining Spice Girls
Three well-known Welsh bands
Two versions of Boyzone
And a Shania Twain not being impressed... much*

* So it doesn't scan properly, so sue us.

/pick of the flicks

The movies that moved us in 1999...

Jessy practical magic

We grew up this film about two witches before we'd ever heard of The Blair Witch Project.



Marlon Brann legend

Notable because of his... and the return...



10 things I hate about you

There were more than ten things we loved about this film.

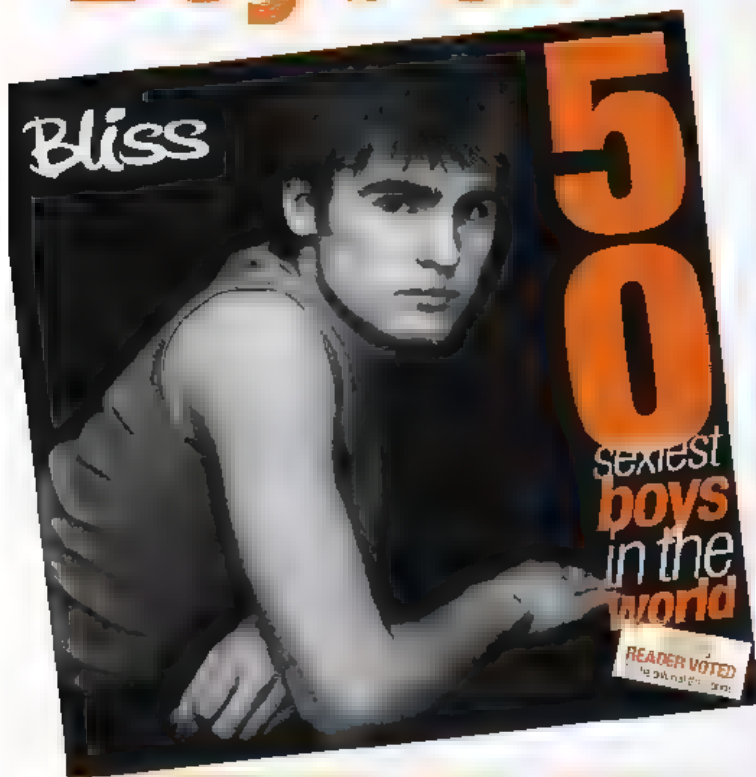


Cue drum roll...
**AUSTIN POWERS:
THE SPY WHO SHAGGED ME**

What can we say but "Yeah, baby!"

...

Who won the 1999 Bliss Boy Poll?



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Justin time

Schoolboy-turned-popster Justin Osuji (star of fly-on-the-wall doc *Justin's Story*, see below) gets festively chatty...

What do you want for Christmas?

"I'd like a pool table so I can catch up with my mates, some new trainers and a *Sonic The Hedgehog* game. I'll be buying my family some really nice presents this year to celebrate everything that's happened to me."

Did your dad ever dress up as Father Christmas?

"When I was five my dad told me to leave out all the green triangular chocolates from the Quality Street jar for Santa. I woke up early and found him dressed as Father Christmas, stuffing his face with them. Then he had to admit the truth."

Which Christmas character would you be?

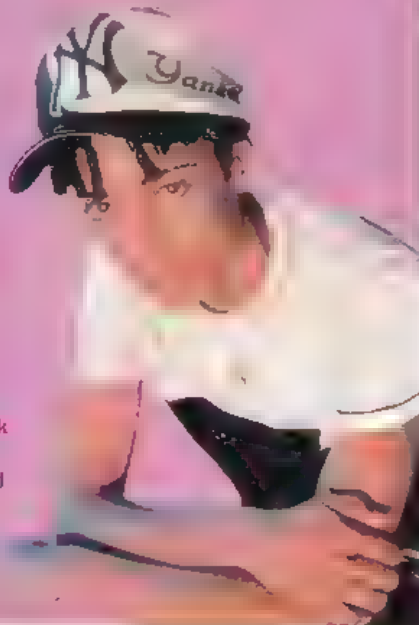
"One of the wise men. They brought such wicked gifts. I'd run away with the gold! Only joking!"

Where will you celebrate Christmas?

"With my family at a great restaurant called The Hungry Monk, it's right by Loch Lomond in Scotland."

What do your family think about your success?

"They're very supportive and pleased for me, but I know where to go if I want an honest response to anything I've done!"



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That'll teach you to be so smug, Aniston

sicky spot

ideal TV to watch when you're having a day off school, lurking beneath the duvet. **The Arts And Crafts Hour** BBC2 11.30pm Put an end to those Christmas shopping worries by learning to make your own gifts with this arty bonanza. Highlights include refurbishing a violin and mastering hand embroidery. As long as you don't get confused and start embroidering your violin, you're onto a winner.

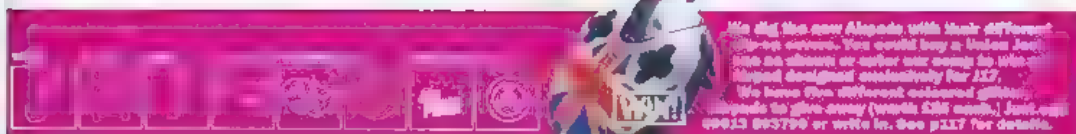
Take a break from the turkey, mince pies, nuts, etc and tuck into a tub of Häagen-Dazs instead. This delicious Celebration Cocktail flavour has vanilla ice cream with wildberry sorbet swirled through it. Yum!



what's the star	is it any good?	totally total	when's the best time to watch it?
justin osuji <i>Justin's Story</i> (BBC1)	Justin is on the road to stardom: tours, interviews and <i>Top Of The Pops</i> . He performs at Wembley and sits his school exams too.	Very inspiring if you have dreams of stardom yourself.	Justin is awful sweet. Christmas morning, BBC1
cinerama <i>The Prince and the Pauper</i> (C4)	The classic fairy tale gets a makeover: imagine Prince Vallant (Clinders) squeeze-dressed in leather atop a motorbike.	There's nothing like a corny old tale at Christmas. And this is nothing like a corny old tale - it's witty, sharp and quite surreal.	Gideon Turner, who plays the Prince, is a saviour of Christmas crackling. Boxing Day, C4
the greatest show in the world <i>Grinbo</i> (BBC1)	A homeless mum and her daughters hide in the biggest store in the world for Grinbo. They hang with Santa and S Club 7 pop in for a shopping trip.	A feel-good epic to warm the cockles of your Christmas heart and make you wish that you too could live in a shop.	S-Clubbers Bradley, Paul and Jon rule for Yule. Festive period, BBC1
daavid copperfield <i>Daavid Copperfield</i> (BBC1)	After suffering at the hands of his wicked stepfather young David sets off to find his fortune, while trying to avoid the hazards of Victorian England.	Even the most cynical will enjoy this majestic costume drama spectacle.	Look out for the bloke who plays Steerforth, a charming young chappie. Festive period, BBC1
the flint stone nativity <i>Flintstone Nativity</i> (ITV)	The school nativity play goes pear-shaped when the children's characters turn into mirror images of their parents.	Dead funny, especially if you've ever had to play a wise man, a shepherd or a sheep.	Way too old or way too young. Christmas week, ITV
skidmark <i>Skidmark</i> (C4)	Davina plays her usual mating games while trying not to fall down any slippery slopes in a French ski resort.	High altitude dating melts the hearts of the frostiest ice queens, but Davina runs the risk of getting pushed off the top of a mountain.	Snow telling who'll pop up (ha, ha). Festive period, C4

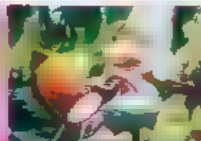
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rayman 2: the great escape

Nintendo 64
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He can fly by spinning his centre parting, has a nose larger than his torso, a friend who's a blue pear and fights evil pirates who want to capture cute cry-baby creatures. Yep, the Rayman is back!



After a week of playing this beautiful and bizarre 64-bit platformer, I can't help but feel that Rayman 2 is a masterpiece of game design. It's a game that's as much about the story as it is about the gameplay. The graphics are stunning, and the music is fantastic. If you're looking for a game that's both challenging and fun, Rayman 2 is the one for you.

tomb raider: the last revelation

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Civilisation is in danger. An ancient Egyptian god is seriously cross and his wrath will consume all the lands... or something. Yes, Lara Croft's gone cosmic. Here she is, shooting soldiers, wild dogs and sword-waving skeletons. If you liked the first two then you'll love this. We did.



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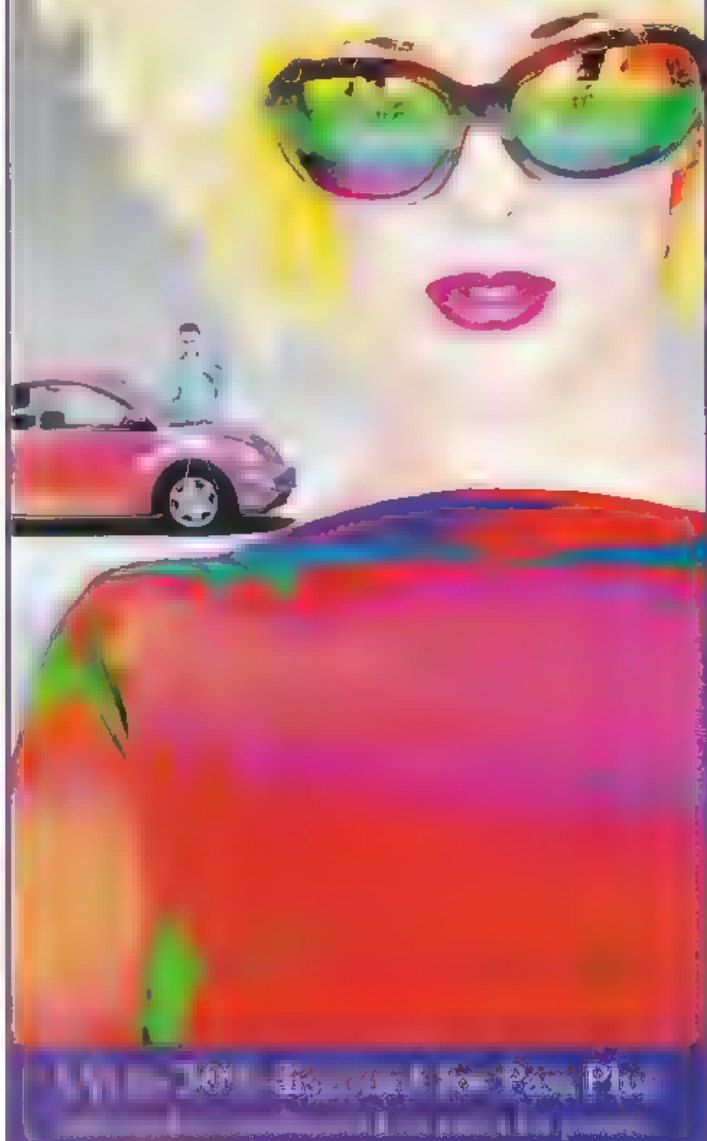
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2 The 'rents will unleash all the food they've had locked in their emergency millennium cupboard since last August so we can feast on tinned peaches and long-life biscuits.

3 Looting will become the hot new hobby. If chaos erupts and society breaks down, who's to stop us eating our way through a Thornton's warehouse?

4 Annoying little brothers everywhere will be sobbing because their best game scores will have been wiped from their memory cards. We'll take over as Pokémon queens.

5 There's a chance the oven might explode. At least that's what we'll tell the 'rents so they'll cough up for takeaways and trips to restaurants.

6 We can turn chaos to our financial advantage. There's money to be made from flogging tins of beans, 'bottled' water and spare bog rolls to confused people who didn't plan ahead.

7 That smug classmate who jetted off to the other side of the world to spend New Year's Eve with her mega-rich auntie will be stranded. Until Easter.

8 Computer boffins reckon that if all the planes are grounded, there won't be enough room at airports to park them. So, we can turn our streets into huge car parks - and make pilots pay for their spaces by the hour.

9 That huge phone bill we ran up over Christmas will be wiped in a computer malfunction. Better make the most of it then...

10 With any luck, the master tapes for Celine Dion's new album will be erased. And, as she's vowed to go into retirement in the New Year, we'll never have to hear her warble again!

11 The washing machine will be deemed unsafe. Which'll mean all 'rents will have to buy us lots of new clothes to maintain hygiene standards.

12 If we've planned ahead and stuck Dad's prized *Question Of Sport* tape in the video recorder, we can sit back and watch in glee as all those 'hilarious' moments are lost forever on the stroke of midnight.

13 Our school reports will be wiped out. And the teachers will be so bored with typing them all in again they'll welcome the odd bribe to change an 'E' to an 'A plus'.

14 We could see the back of Northern Line if the Y2K bug erases their precious backing tapes, unless they can sing live...

15 If the TV's broken and the family are stuck together, we can 'entertain' everyone with a tune-free Britney Spears impression. Then collect money to make it stop.

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